

Ready to start from Barrow. Fri Sept 22, 1939.

It has been nice morning early this morning and while we are ready to go, its start to blow from north east wind and soon as we ready, we start and we travel only eleven miles to Pt. Barrow because to much swell sea. We put the camp and kind hard to find food to burn and my son cut one of our roller for our boat to use it for fire wood, my children gather little coal from the beach, that which had been washed from someplace. Its kind cold weather tonight. I use hot bag for my bowels tonight.

Sat. Sept 23. The wind let go little this morning and we start again at noon and we go around the point we had very big swell and we go into the lagoon and we had good going and we got to Pt. Tainian about half <sup>past</sup> five in the afternoon.

We put the camp. It kind very shallow for the boat here.

We have good fire wood this time. The ocean is very rough and big breakers on the beach.

My chest kind pain little.

Sun. Sept 24. The north east wind is blowing hard. We had two services today. The ocean is very rough.

My two sons watch the boat all night. Its good things we are in good shelter for boat and we have good fire wood to burn.

Mon Sept 25. The east wind is blowing very hard. The ocean is very rough. We are staying at the same place. The water is very low and my sons have to take the load of the boat. My two sons watch the boat all night.

Tue. Sept 26. The wind still blowing very hard. We are at the same place. The ocean is very rough by big swell.

Wed Sept 27. The wind stop blowing but the ocean is very big swell; so that we can not go again.

Mr Morris went fast by out on big swell. No chance for us with open boat. Our dogs has no more food for them.

We had a prayer meeting and I read the Bibles this evening. I change my mind not to go through the ocean, because it dangerous to travel. We are planning to go to the river so we can catch some fish for us and our dogs. We did not have much grub now. No game hunting here on the land spit.

Thur. Sept 28. The north wind start to blow again.  
Steve and Isaac start to go up to Tolimaniuk after fish nets  
with the dog teams, but they did not come home tonight.  
We had been wondering why they did not come home.  
Some of us wake all night to wait for them.

Fri Sept 29. The north wind is blowing hard. The ocean is  
very rough. Steve and Isaac came home at six o'clock  
this morning. They did not get to the house and they  
came home without the nets. We start to go up to the  
river and we had hard time to get away from here  
to shallow and some of my children had to move over  
to other boat that which Steve has to lighter little our  
boat and finally we got off and start and we did not  
go very far, one rudder pin broke and my son Perry  
put another one on and little ways again our both  
pins broke and we have turn back to where we started.  
When we put the camp. We found some spikes from  
the old house and Perry put them on for next use.  
My chest is not very good again and my wife rub  
it with liniment. It snow some this evening.

Sat Sept 30. South east wind is blowing. We start again  
and the weather getting little better. We met some slush  
on the water and we go through them. We saw some  
spotted seals on the young ice and we got to the river and  
the young ice form on some places and we tried to go  
through them but we can not go through, little to thick  
for our boat. The boys tried to broke the ice with their  
feet but can not. We turn back little ways and  
we put the camp. My sons put the fish net and they  
caught four fish in short time.

Sun Oct 1, 1939. It is no wind. We had a service this morning.  
There is mixed some young ice. After church Steve and I  
two my sons tried to go through young ice, so we can  
go through with our boat but they came back and they  
said the ice form on the river. We have no dogs fed.  
My wife cook little corn meal and little blubber which  
for our dogs. I read a Bible to my family tonight.

Mon Oct 2. South west wind is blowing hard and snowing much. We moved over across the creek and after we put the sleds up we put the boat up. No more boating. We are planning to go to the people. Our fish net caught only two fish.

Tue. Oct 3. South west wind is blowing. Steve and Isaac start to go to the people to get the sleds. We saw six reindeer chase by wolf. Perry went after wolf but he did not get it.

Wed Oct 4. South west wind is blowing and snowing. Steve and Isaac came back this morning and Steve and his family start to go up to the people. My sons hauled up the boat and we are get ready to go with the dogs teams.

Thur Oct 5. South west wind is blowing and snowing. There is much soft deep snow and some water under it. We go to today. It kind hard going. Herman Refford my son in law met us with the dogs teams and we were very glad to see him. We got to the people and the people welcome us kindly and give us treat. I am very tired, I never walk that long for long time.

Fri Oct 6. The north wind is blowing and snowing some. Herman, Perry and Isaac start to go up to Chipe river for fishing, so we can have some fish to travel with, when we go eastward. Our net caught 21 fish today. Eddie Edwards came from the herd. My bowels pain today.

Sat. Oct 7. The north wind is blowing and snowing. My bowels dont feel good again. Isaac and Muldred came today and brought some big fish from Chipe river. My net caught nineteen fish. My wife scrapping the deer skin for parkie. I study long lesson for tomorrow.

Sun. Oct 8. The north wind is blowing and snowing some. We had a morning service at Thomas Brown's house. The text was 1 Peter 4: chapter and we had evening service and the text was 1 Thess 5: chapter.

Mon Oct 9. It kind good weather. Isaac and Thomas went after some caribou stuff down at our boat. They did not come home tonight. We keep the lantern burn all night. Our net caught 39 fish.

Tue. Oct 10. South west wind is blowing. Isaac and Thomas came home this morning. Isaac shot the wolf but did not get it yesterday. Peter Shooklook and his family came and visite us today. I let him to make a map of Tasifuk, to which we will go through to cut shorted trail. Our net caught 16 fish this morning.

Wed Oct 11. Isaac start for Chipe river to the boys that are fishing. I take Castor oil to move my bowels. Our nets caught 26 fish.

Thur Oct 12. Its kind snowing. Our fish net caught 20 fish. I took another castor oil to clean my bowels. I have new nets made today. My wife making new parkies for our children before we go.

Fri Oct 13. The north wind is blowing, but good weather. Our nets caught 20 fish. Gora Kgnik came from fishing place. My wife scrapping the deerskin for parkie.

Sat Oct 14. It is good weather. Gora and Mrs. Thomas Brown start to the fishing place. My wife making another parkie. Thomas my son sleeping bag for him. Our net caught only 15 fish.

Sun. Oct 15. Its clear this morning but it get fog this noon. We had two services at Thomas Brown's house. Peter Shooklook and his family come to church and they went home this evening.

Mon Oct 16. It is clear this morning and get fog this afternoon. Our net caught 34 fish. My wife finish another parkie for me. Roy my son scrapping a deerskin for his parkie.

It kind cold weather.

Tue Oct 17. The north wind is blowing hard. Andrew Oguna came from Colville river. My boys came home from fishing since. My wife and I are making new parkie for Roy and Li finished.

Wed Oct 18. It is bad weather from north east. Herman and Thomas went down the coast after wood. Perry and Isaac start to make a new sled for travel. Andy and Steve came home.

Thur. Oct 19. The north east wind is blowing and snowing. Herman and Thomas came home this morning. Perry making a sled. Herman start make a sled too. Tommy and Bobbie and other boys came home today.

Fri. Oct 20. Andrew Oguna and Thomas my son start for eastward today. Perry making a sled. Our net caught some fish.

Sat Oct 21. Tommy and other boy start to cut ice for corral. Perry help them. Tommy's herd came home.

Sun. Oct 22. We had two services today. Herman and Eddie start to look for lost deer.

Mon Oct 23. South west wind is blowing and snowing some. We start to go eastward to Colville river this afternoon. We did not go very far today. It is deep snow. My little children walk on deep snow. We are very slow and my two sons Perry and Isaac help pulling the sleds along. We use two sleds. I got little grub from little trading post and we take some big fish. We put the camp and we are very tired. The snow about a foot deep.

Tue. Oct 24. It is very fine weather. We start early this morning. We had another deep snow. We travel about 10 hours. We put the camp at the river close to Tasippuk big lake. My children were very tired, specially those 6 year old and 7 year old kids. I had hardest travel ever I had since my boy hood.

Wed Oct 25. It is good weather. We start again early and we get to Takikpuk big lake and we had good going on the ice and we got to the leaders and we ate there and start again and we left some our stuff to lighten our sled and we put the camp. It is very cold night. My children had only frozen fish to eat tonight and they go to sleep right away. We had only gasoline stove to warm our tent.

Thur Oct 26. With west wind blowing again. We start again and we got to the people again. They welcome us very good. We go up to the house and we put the camp there. Our clothes are very wet. Abel Sakiagale gave us some fish for our dog. George Leavett and elder gave us two deer meat for our dog too. Our female dog has a puppies tonight.

Fri Oct 27. It is snowing all day, but clear up tonight. The moon had a eclipse. The men are working at the corral. Charlie Akiviana went down to get our stuff that which we left it the night before. My two sons help to make corral, so they might get some meat for next travel.

Sat. Oct 28. It is nice weather. The men are not working. My two sons put ~~two~~ fish nets on the lake so we can have some food, when we start again. Noah Itta killed four wolves today.

Sun. Oct 29. We went down to other people to have church. My had two services. I preach to the people. It is kind snowing. The snow getting bigger now.

Mon. Oct 30. It is cloudy and snowing. The men are working at the corral. My three sons help them to earn some meat for travel; because we have no dog feed and no grub for us too.

Mon. Oct 31. The north wind is blowing hard and snowing today. The men are working at the corral and they finish it for ~~counting~~ the deer. Three boy went after the deer to be butchering the deer for food tomorrow, if the weather is good.

Wed Nov 1, 1939. It is a nice day today. The men are butchering the deer for sale and food food. It is very cold weather.

Thur Nov 2: It is a nice day today and the men are butchering the deer again and they divided the meat among themselves. They gave us too.

Fri Nov 3. It is a good day. The men put the deer in the corral and count the deer. Those deer are over one thousands deer. They finish this evening.

Sat. Nov 4. The north wind is start to blow.

We start for east with other two men. We are very slow and we got to the legoone and we put the camp to where plenty wood, but very cold tonight. We have to put some calico and deer skins around our tent to make it warm, but plenty frost in our tent.

Sun Nov 5. The north wind is blowing hard. We can not stay here and after we had a prayer, we go so we can make to the people next day. It is very cold and my children can not stand the cold and we put the camp again. The snow drifting to much this evening. We had a prayer again tonight.

Mon Nov 6. The north wind is blowing. We start again and in toward the afternoon. The weather getting better and after we had lunch, we saw the people and we got to them this evening. They welcome very kindly and our dogs have good feed tonight and we had only one day to travel. We are on the ranch now.

I let the people get together and we had a service and  
I read the Bible to them and they were very happy.

True. Nov 7. It is a nice day, not so cold.  
We start again from these people and we got to  
other people, that where we will stay for the  
winter. I found out the people are not together.  
I have to travel to see all those people.  
We are very tired. We are thanking our God, He  
makes no good traveling as we come along.

~~Rev Alva King~~  
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Colville river Alaska

Mar 21, 1940

see letter  
attached sent to  
Barrow Alaska

Dear Sir: I am writing a letter to you once again to let you know how we are getting along here this winter. Excuse me for I use the pencil to write to you, because I have no ink here with me, I find these people here are not together some of them are few miles apart. The people living at the river and some on the coast. I do little travel here to see those people and preach to them. Only thungs is kind land for the people to live for they have short of food. We had it too. My family had hard time too, not much to eat. There are not many fish run than they use to do. But we trust in God that take care of us. Sometimes my children have to have breakfast or supper just half of small fish a piece, that not enough for a child. We have short of every things. We have no light in the house, but the day longer now, so we don't need light pretty soon. Sometimes when we have church we use Eskimo lamp to have light and the girl sit along side the lamp to make burn better and I have to sit close to the lamp so that I can see better. But still, I like my work for the people to win them for Christ. I made a trip to Beechey P. on the coast two times and the last time I went up with only two dogs and I walk to much and my knee swollen up and I can not walk for long time. I have to hire little a boy to take me home and I got home, found my family did not have any food, except few fish and I bought little grub for them from the stores. I have to stop every people to preach to them from the Bible. I am enjoy to see all these people. I did not go way east yet as I want too, because we had hard time. We have no dogs to travel with long distance. We Eskimo people use only dogs in winter and use the boat in summer & I have to travel over 200 miles east

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to see all people. Most of our dogs died by starvation and we saved only three dogs. Man should have 5 or 6 dogs to travel with. I use my launch in summer and another sledge -  
is about gasoline is very hard to get around here. I wish to have small boat like seal boat made like whale boat and 3 horse power motor, so two men can handle and more light to use around on the shallow water to visit the people. but now I have no money to buy the boat yet. I just talk this what the men stated have but I can not afford it yet. I don't even receive any letters from the board of mission and I don't know how much my salary are. I hope to hear soon.

The last time I went up the coast, I stayed with the trader by Mr. Jack. Mr. Smith and he treat me good and he let me use his house for service and I was very glad. and my plans are to let all the people get together in summer and I wanted to talk or preach to them. They come out the coast in the spring in May and get close to the Trading post. I found lots of people here here very careless about Christian lives and I went talk to them about Christ. Some of them had been converted all ready after they had listen good to the Word of God.

I will tell you that, we are very poor in Hymns that only few torso ones I have. We need more Hymns like Service Hymnal and Alleluia. Those kind hymns the people have them and learn the songs from them. You will find what I enclose of little diary what I wrote on the way coming up. I hope to hear from you and give you good courage and advices.

Yours cordially  
Andrew Akootchuk

2 barrels - gas - for him then Fred -

Mr. Everett B. King  
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Beechey Pt. Alaska  
Sept 2, 1940

Dear Sir:

I was very glad to received your letters came to me 23rd of Aug. The first dated Oct 3, the second dated 7/16, and the third one dated on May 7.

All my letters held down at Barrow until this summer.

My son Perry brought them up to me when he came up with my boat. I was very thankful to hear that my salary raise little more. I was just came home from down the coast to visit some people near us.

We were having big wind from north east and very cold. Our gasoline was just enough.

to take us home.

We mixed little coal oil with  
the gasoline.

The people up here are not stay  
together like Barrow or Wainwright.

I have to travel to preach to them  
in winter and summer.

It is very good to have that 2 barrel  
of gasoline will come to me, so  
I can have some gasoline  
to make a trip to the people.

I have to move to different places  
with my family here and there.  
One time in July, I went with  
one man by walk and we had  
high water on the creeks and  
we made a long walk on heavy  
rain and soak wet to the skin  
but my Bible and song book  
did not get wet. I took two dogs  
to pack my stuff on saddle bags.

I had some difficulty with some people in my preaching. They were against me and I was glad that some of them turn to Christ. Quite a few people had converted to Christ this spring.

I was very glad of your prayer to me as I need prayer of other people and I am always very glad to hear good words of courage from you. I am interesting to preach to the people and win them to Christ. One time I met two old people that they never hear much words of Christ and they enjoy to listen to me and I pray with them and they were very happy to know the words of God.

I am very poor on travel did not have strong cooking gear and oil stove; especially on cold weather and wet.

About my boat you do not have to bother about it as my boat is useful to me to travel with.

I fear Percy will go outside this summer but he knows very well and you may find out about me. I am always like to hear from you.

Cordially yours  
Andrew Woottook.

Oct 24, 1940.

I start to go down to visit the people today. It's snowing and clear up in the evening. The water flooded over on the lagoon and we went on the land. We got to Beechey Pt. late at 10 o'clock tonight. I was very tired.

Oct 25. Fri It is cloudy and warm weather. The lagoon was flooded yet we go again on the land.

It's kind deep sun; we stop at Polvi. We over took Mr. J. W. Smith there this evening. I was tired.

Oct 26. It's blowing from north east and snowing again. We start again and we got to the people. My dogs put the sled <sup>into</sup> ~~out~~ today.

The people welcome us good.

Sun Oct 27. The north wind is blowing and snowing much. We had a church service in the morning.

and we had another service  
this evening.

Oct 28 Mon. The north east  
wind is blowing. We were and I  
planning to go back, because  
of much snow. We have only  
four dogs.

Oct 29. The north wind is  
blowing. We did not go today.  
The boys caught some fish.  
Its good thing to have something to  
eat and dog feed.

Oct 30. The north wind blowing  
and snowing. We start this  
morning. Mr. Smith and his  
wife start to go home too. Abram  
Wood went along with us. That  
same boy took me home last year  
and he took me a ride on his  
sled again. We did not go very  
far because to much wind.

Mr Smith gave feed tonight  
We use small tent and the  
wind getting worse tonight.

Oct 31. The north wind blowing  
very hard and four of us start  
this morning. We were very  
slow going. While we slept  
at night the wind torn our  
tent. We got to Lebreton's house  
and we put the camp again.  
While the boys cooking fish Mr  
Smith and his wife come up  
and they stop with us tonight  
He gave us food to eat again.

Nov 1, 1940. The wind is blowing  
very hard. We're go again  
Mr Smith place only about 10 miles  
We get to his place and oh my!  
the treat is good and we had  
fine supper. I do get little  
fuel from him

Set No 2. The word let go little.  
Three of us start again.  
George boys help us. buried  
our grub. We got some  
tonight. It is good thing to get  
home again.

Few days after Herman and  
I start to visit the people and  
we had a service there and  
two men come from east  
and we went back with them.

Whee 2: <sup>Mon</sup> Herman and I start down to the people. We got to the Smith's place and we ate lunch there and start again. We got to Abraham's place. We had a service tonight.

I had a text from 12 Chapter.

Whee 3. Tue. We start back.

The wind start to blow again. We stop at Jimmie Claud and we had a service again and I had the same text what I had last night and we start again. We got to Mr Smith place. We put the camp trailer. The wind blowing very hard.

We had a good service this evening. My text was 2 Pet & Chapter 1-10.

We had only one song book.

Whee 4: We start to go home

and we got home this evening.

Wen 17. It is a nice day.  
I walked up to the people and  
we had a service there.  
My text was Heb 11 Chapter.

Alse 18. The north east wind  
start to blow hard. I went  
home by walk. I was very  
tired and got rest.

Feb 2. <sup>Sun</sup> Isaac ad I went  
down to Mr Smith place and  
we had good service this  
evening. He let me have his  
house to have church service  
from Feb 3. We went home  
today.

23. Mon Dec. Perry, Isaac and Herman  
came home this early morning, from  
in land. hauled some deer meat.  
We are ready to go down to Beechey Pt.  
to have Christmas there.

Tue Dec 24. It is nice warm day.  
We start to go down with two sleds  
We are very slow. We got to Beechey  
Pt. at nine o'clock in the night.  
Mr. J. W. Smith trader welcome us  
good and gave us food to eat.  
He let us have his big house to  
stay in for Christmas.

Wed Dec 25. It's another good  
day. All my family went over  
to Mr. Smith and we all eat there  
again. Three sleds and teams  
came up for Christmas.  
Mr. Smith gave us <sup>no</sup> food so we  
can cook in the room <sup>at</sup> where  
we were.

We had a service and my  
text was Luke 2: 8-20.

We had fine singing. After the  
service the young people had  
good singing & not enough  
song books. Three or four persons  
had one book to ~~keep~~ with.  
We had good feed today.

Thur Dec 26. The north east wind  
is blowing. We did not go today.  
We had another good singing.  
I wish to have organ that night.  
To follow by, while they are  
more eagerness to learn how  
to sing. After singing the young  
boys play tricks.

Fri Dec 27. The north east wind  
is blowing quite hard. We can  
not go again, because of my  
small children.

The boys have good time again  
tonight. One of my boys' horses  
bent his ankle and he can not  
walk home. The wind let go little  
tonight.

Sat. Dec 28. It is nice day  
and warm. We start to go home.  
I hired a young man to help  
us and he took some of my children  
ride on his sled. We got home  
tonight at 8 o'clock.

Sun Dec 29. It is a nice day  
again. We had two services  
today. The boy start to go home  
in such hurry to get home,  
he said that this family had  
not enough wood there.

W. E. verett B. King Beechey Pt. Alaska  
156 Fifth Ave New York Feb 18, 1941.  
N. Y.

Dear Mr King:- I write once again to you to let you know how we are. We are all well and happy. We know that God take care of the people. Your prayer help me much in my work to the people. I am always use to hear from and give me good advice. We are short of dog feed and we put the seal nets in the holes but the seals broken up our nets, I did not have strong line as I should have. I caught one seal in the seal holes, sitting down for long time to wait for seal to come up from under the ice, that the way we went in. Tires. As soon as I get some dog feed I want to go visiting the people again.

and preach the gospel to the people. We have only five dogs slow going out we travel. When my boys go away with those dogs, I can not go. We raise 6 pups so we can use them next year and then I do some traveling then to the people. I stay with those people once more this winter and by next summer we will go up to Barter Island to our house up there and so I can preach to the people up there again. I will do some traveling. When I get those two drum of gasoline that you sent to me at Cherkopan I will use them when I make trip to the people.

I wrote to Mr. Klerkoper and  
he never write to me yet  
and I don't know if he has  
them there. We had Christmas  
at Mr. J. W. Smith place and  
he let have his big house and  
I preach to the people there  
and one young man had  
been convicted of his sins  
and he converted. We had  
good singing in two nights.  
I wish to have folding organ  
that time. I will enclose  
the list of my traveled this winter.  
I will ~~don't~~ travel more  
when the sun getting warmer

Cordially yours  
Andrew C. Korttck

Dr Everett B. King  
156 Fifth Avenue, New York  
N.Y.

Beechey Pt. Alaska  
Mar 12, 1941.

Dear Dr King:- I am always enjoy to receive the letters from you and I will answer it again. I am very much thankful to have such gift from Mr and Mrs John Scheide and I wrote to them and thanking them. I am very happy to know that you gave me good advice to seek for the lost sinners and I am trying hard to find the lost sinners I have had find some lost sinners and still more should be converted to Christ.

Last time I went up to three different families. I found out they are some lost sinners up there. Some of them I can not reach them this winter, I may see them by this spring, when the get warm.

My son and I came home last night from up there. We have only two dogs, we are very slow. I followed my son, when he went up to the store to buy little food for my family and my son help pulling the sleds.

I stayed with one family three days and I read the Bible to them every day. We had sun day there. I hired a boy to help us for one day.

We made nine hours in fifteen miles. We were facing the wind and I got very cold

and these boys make little snow houses and  
light the primus stove and made hot tea  
and we got warm. Little tent is better, but  
we don't have it much now. I am always  
happy to suffer for Christ works.

I will do better by in the spring when all the  
people are coming down from the river.

That's the time the people get close to each  
other. I had been traveling close up and  
down this winter. On Feb 19, I went down  
and found Mr. Smith's wife very sick and I  
read the Bible and pray for her there and she  
had been convicted. And I stayed there two days.  
Abraham Stine half back took her down to  
the hospital. I am always very glad that you  
are praying for me, so that I must not encumber  
you with this to the extent that I may lose sight  
of my major obligation.

Yesterday talking to my church here to share  
in giving gifts to the Board of National Missions  
and some of them are willing and I will  
see more people on this spring and then if  
I collect some gifts, I will send them out by  
summer. It good things for us to do that  
here but some of the people held up and hasn't

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to give. We will do best we could.

My wife and I were very glad to get good greeting from you and from those three ladies like Helen E. Wolf, Thelma T. Livingston and Dorothy Henderson. I am appreciate of their greeting to me and my wife and I do the same things to them.

I wrote to M. F. G. Klerckoper and if he keeps the gasoline down there for me that which you said in your letter and he never answer my letter. I never hear anythings from him ever since he came back from states. My papers just enough to write.

Sincerely yours  
Andrew P. Kortchinski.

Beechey Pt. Alaska  
July 21, 1941.

Dr Everett B. King  
156 Fifth Ave, New York  
N.Y.

Dear friend Dr King:-

I was very glad to receive your good letter written May 26, and I am always appreciate to hear such good encouraging words for me in my work here among the people. I am staying with those people here this summer after we came back from Foggy Island. As soon as we get ready, we will go up to Barter Island, so I can travel around to the people up there. We had such good service yesterday evening and about twenty people had been converted and the people had a joy there. I am sure there are more people like them that which I have to see them. I am very happy when I able to visiting the people.

We held the service at M. J. H.  
Smith's house every Sunday and  
Wednesday. He is good that  
way and even in winter when  
I am traveling and when I camp  
at his place, he treat me very  
fine and feed me and do it cost  
me nothing. He is trader and  
he goes to Barrow every summer  
to get his outfit with five or six  
camps boats and game here  
in first part of sept. He is about  
over sixty years old and great  
worker but he had break bent  
according to what doctor said.  
We want to sell a Navy boat  
strong built to me for \$600 but  
I did not have enough enough  
to pay with now, I did not buy  
it. I like it all right.  
most of my money, I use it  
for my family and use it  
when I am traveling visiting  
the people. Sometimes I have to  
pay someone when I am laid  
upon my trials and still that  
I like to be service for Christ.

Only those for nearly two years  
i lost my dogs and I did not  
travel very far sometimes.  
Sometimes when I have chance  
I go with someone and some  
I walk to the people.

Mr. F. W. Smith all going to  
bring my gasoline from  
Patterson this summer and  
will cost him nothing to bring  
up for me. He is trying to  
help me in that way. That was  
fine. When Mr. Clercksply  
came up, I ask him if he knows  
about those gasoline & that which  
you send to me and he just  
said, he don't know and I show  
your letter to him and he  
wanted to give to me the gasoline  
and I was very glad; when  
the gasoline come to me, so  
I can use it when I am  
travel around. My old boat  
is not strong now and I want  
try save little money so I can

better boat. I may buy that  
new boat. My boss may help  
me little, when they catch  
some foxes.

I will send the report to you  
and I don't real know how to  
fill out every written in  
there and I hope you could  
help me or show me how to  
use them. I do but I could  
and I am always thanking  
you for your encouraging words  
to me. I am very anxious  
to travel and visiting the  
people. Help me in your  
prayer.

Sincerely yours

Andrew Ekootook

Mr Everett B. King

Barter Island Alaska

156 Fifth Avenue New York,  
N. Y.

Aug 18, 1941.

Dear Sir: While I have chance to write to you again, I am writing. We had been traveled from Beechey Pt. with my family and arrived to Barter Island in first part of Aug. On the way coming up, we stop every place and holding the meeting and have church and I left my family at this place and I went out up to Demercation Pt and since I start from Beechey Pt twenty two people had been converted to Christ in my service and I was very glad that those people had been won to Christ. Sometimes we had church two or three times with the people in one place.

When the Trader little schooner come up to bring the stuff to Mr John Olson my boys and I came up to Humprey Pt and we had service there on Sunday. When I came to this place again, the people were very glad to see me come back.

While I was down year ago my cousin had accident and shot him dead and when I came to his family, oh my, his wife came to me crying and I couldn't stand any longer and weep with that woman. And I talk to them from the Bible, and they are feel happy after that. And from Demarcation, I took those family down in my boat to where they wanted to stay.

In one place, I had a session meeting and a girl had a baby borned dead and she had been convicted of her sins and she wanted to be good girl. That girl's parents are very old people and pity that their daughter done such a sin as that. She never told her parents about it.

Please help me in your prayer in that kind of work among those people. No elders with me, but I know God be with us in our work. I do best I could for the people here. I am always very glad to receive the letters with encouraging words.

Sincerely yours

Andrew Akootchook

Barter Island Alaska  
Jan 16, 1942.

Dr Everett B. King  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York  
N. Y.

Mr. Andrew M. Johnson

Dear Dr Everett B. King: - I am always  
thankful for your good letters to me.  
Two letters of yours came to me in Sept  
this fall and no way to answer them  
and until now. No mails run up this  
far eastward and I just get my mails  
once a year. Sometimes when  
my letters from you and others come  
to Barrow, the post office holding them  
there until summer comes, that  
makes me late to answer them in  
time. Just like three letters from Presbyterian  
ministers fund life insurance annuities  
1805 Walnut St. of Philadelphia Pa. came  
to me in Sept and that much, I was  
late to pay for my life insurance.  
Now, I wrote to Washington Mutual Savings Bank  
to send the check to them.  
I am not try to fail to pay them  
I am interesting in insurance contract  
for my wife and I am willing to  
pay them in every year.  
Only that my letters goes out late and

I will send the letters out and pay in  
for Life Insurance ahead a time.  
I think that only way to keep in time  
with them. Or you may make  
an arrangement of some way to pay them  
out there out of my salary.  
You know more then I do and I am trying  
hard to please everyone.

I know you are acting toward me very good  
about that, while I did not know it and  
my wife and I are thanking you very much  
I will expect to hear from you again.

We had Christmas here at my place  
and some people came here. The  
number of people are sixty two people.  
We did not have much Christmas gifts.  
I bought few pound of candies and some  
cheering guns and we tried to make every  
one last little and still the children  
are very happy to get little something.  
While the people are here, I preached

to them about five times.  
On the last service we had, we had good  
one, Thirty six of them had been convicted  
and conversions. And still, they are  
more need converts.

I traveled close villages this fall and  
I need more traveling when the days  
getting longer. There are some trouble  
between the people sometimes and I  
have come to them, to stop their trouble

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I read the Bibles verses to them and still some of them are wayward children. We need prayers from you people and I know you are praying for me.

I think you received my letter last fall when we came from Beechey Pt. We went up to Demarcation Pt. and preached every place, and came back here and built a log house here.

I did not go down to Barrow last summer to get those two drum of gasoline. I never hear from Mr Klerkoper. He never write to me. I never had any more sun day out fits for children; as I wanted tixey's. Mrs Klerkoper sent me little package of few clothing and I gave them away to a needy one. I got few quarterly and few cards and now all gone. We have no songs book too.

Things are changing now, even the hunting are very hard to get and some people have hard time, no food to eat and sometimes I have to give them little to eat out of my little food. I am just telling you of what condition are there among the people.

Cordially yours

Andrew Akootchook

Barter Island Alaska.

April 28, 1942.

Dr Everett B. King

156 Fifth Avenue New York

N. Y.

Dear Dr King:

I am writing another letter again to you. We haven't hear anything from anywhere this winter. The people here have poor trapping and so they did not have any contribution toward the mission. Some of those people here have had a hard time no food to eat. A different time, I traveled to them, I found them have nothing to eat and I have to give them out of my food.

I am happy to give out to the needy ones of what I have little with me. Not much of it either. One time this month, I start to go up with my son and we travel a day and have putt the camp and I was so tired of travel and next morning, my bowels moved with blood and we turned back home. We had two services on the way home with the people. I did not travel much this winter again. Not enough dogs.

I have no dogs of my own. My boys use our few dogs in hunting. They are to busy travel and hunt for us. We raise the pups now. Mr. J. W. Smith brought one <sup>of gasoline</sup> drum for me from the mission last summer and I will use it when I travel to the people this summer.

The people stay more on the coast in the summer.  
Good thing is there are plenty cabins up  
the mountains this winter.

Some of the people are up the mountains now  
and they are coming out on first part of June.

We had three deaths here of children.

One of them was my granddaughter.

We had three funeral services.

We had quite few converted to Christ.

I like it that way, when the people had been  
convicted of their sins. Of course there are

more people need salvation.

They are some people here are against one  
in their talks. That's the work to win them  
back to Christ. Some of them don't <sup>really</sup> understand  
yet. Some young men are very easy to be tempted  
or even drink liquor.

I am always very glad to receive good letters  
from you and I am very happy to know that  
you are praying for me, so I will have strong  
mind to preach to those people around here.

The people here need good books or Bibles  
to read. I am out of <sup>school</sup> Sunday supplies too.

We have no song books.

I never hear anythings from Mr Klerekopf.  
He never write to me. We are expecting to  
see him all this spring, but he did not  
come yet. We have winter here yet. Plenty  
snow. If I have films for my camera I could  
take picture of our hall dug out long steps up  
about 8 feet above the ground.

We had very deep snow this winter and never  
had cold weather.

I need of your prayers.

Yours cordially

Andrew Akootchook

Barter Island Alaska  
Feb 8, 1942.

Mr Everett B. King  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr King: I received your letter  
yesterday dated Oct 7, 1941 and tell me that  
you received two red foxskins and I  
was very glad that you received them  
that little help from my church and  
I read your letter to the people here this  
morning and told them, that they should  
be willing to give contribution.  
It is hard winter for the people here.  
This winter, not many foxes caught by the  
people. Last time my son and I went up  
the coast on Jan 22/42. and we have to give  
three families little food out our food, while  
we are traveling. One families we met  
did not have anythings much, even got  
no light but little seal oil burn with moss  
and we help them with kerosene.  
And we help them with kerosene.  
On the way coming home, we had big snowing  
and we had very deep snow and many times  
our dogs stop very tired and had sore feet in  
that night we got lost, heavy snowing, we don't  
know which way to go. dark couldn't see nothings  
and then the moon appeared little through  
thick cloud and then we know which way  
to go and finally we got to the house of  
which two persons stay. very good to get to the  
house of tired traveler.

My son start to cook dog feed with prunes  
store . We ate little biscuit and tea and no meat  
that night and the next day, we came to the  
store keeper by name John B. Olson, and we  
had good sheep meat that time . Of course  
I am & skins I rather have meat when I  
am tired and from there we got to the one  
families and put the camp ~~there~~.  
The next morning, we got to the two families.  
and we had service there, & every village, we  
stop to have service .  
I am always feel happy when I received  
your good letters . The man brought my  
letters from next village yesterday and he  
will start back tomorrow morning, that  
why I write this letter to send it by  
him . My families are all well .

Sincerely yours

Andrew Akootchook

Brownell St. Omaha  
July 26, 1942.

Dr. Everett E. King  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York  
N. Y.

Dear Dr. King: I have another chance to write to you at this place. I came here last Friday and we did the same with the girls. We & the men are gone away to find some wood for winter, and they come back some quickly. I use that gasoline what you sent up to Mr. Kerehifer for me and Mr. Jack M. Smith brought it up for me as far as his place at Beechey off one street is down at Barret yet. I use one drum.

We were coming down here in big wind but plenty of ice protect us from the waves and still some of the young people had been convicted of their least and confess their sins. Some of them have heavy weight of sins; but the Holy Spirit working in them and confess. I had harder work than spring. Some of them denied. Of course we have <sup>some</sup> many too.

Some of the people are that way now - are against me, but I know what you said, you shall hear of all action for my name. (over)

It don't stop one preaching to the people  
by their belief.  
The soon as I go home I will go up  
to Dernarction. It again, if the Lord  
will. We have few teeth of children  
this winter. Mr. Klocke you did not  
come to my place this spring. He went  
back from here.

I am always very glad of your prayes  
for me in my work.  
Mr. Klocke you wrote to me about my  
report to send them to him and that  
he told me you wrote to him about it.  
and I send them to him.  
Anything you want to tell me, tell me  
what I have to do and I am very much  
appreciate of you.

Cordially yours  
Andrew Abbott

May 7, 1943

EXCERPTS FROM LETTERS RECEIVED FROM MR. ANDREW AKOOTCHOOK

August 22, 1942

"That time when I came back home from Brownie Point, we came home slowly of ice and big wind, and as soon as we got home I went up to Demerara Point and we had good service's three times at that place. We stop small places too - sometimes one family. When we went up we could not pass through too much ice and we had to go inside the narrow passage, shallow, and we have to borrow a whale boat and we put all our bedding there to lighten my launch. That good things we pass through and then when we start home we went outside the sandspit and we found out no road again and we have to take two boats over the sandspit and it take us long time to get over and we pull through all right.

One time while we travel in big wind from Northeast, our shaft came out broke the bolt and good thing we don't lose our propeller, and we have to use the sail until we get to the harbor and we fix it there. The people here doing fine on fishing this summer. We knew that our God gave us good blessing after hard time. I preach to the people and told them pray together and ask God to give us blessing and here now the answer to our prayers. *[Signature]*

I had been work harder this spring as some young people gone astray and lots of them had been convicted. Some of them are still in waywardness, but I am still preach to them for Christ. I am always very thankful for your good advice and your prayer for me. We all know that in last days we shall be hated of all nations. There are some here - some of the people call me bad names because why is this that I preach the Words of God to them. We must pray for these kind of people. I just let you know some of the people are that way. I did not collect the offering from the people this winter because they have hard time of their living."

November 3, 1942

"We had very deep snow here this fall. We have to use the snowshoes on the lands. Last week my two boys and I went up as far as Angoon to preach to the people. Some of the people are still up the mountains. I was very glad to have those twenty songbooks and I carry them with me when I am travelling."

Barrow Alaska  
Aug 12, 1943.

Hrs Everett B. King  
156 Fifth Ave  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Hrs King: I received your good letter of May 14. We came here last week in coming down five days from Barter Island. I had been very sick since Mr. Turekofsky came to Barter Island. My boys tried to take me down by the dog teams but I couldn't stand it and we went back. I had different kind sickness, bleeding through my rectum for over a month and while I had that, my urine is getting bad very painful, when it passes water and then after that, my testicles had been swollen up and very pain, but now I am little better. As soon as I come

down here, I went over to the hospital to be examine by doctor. He examined me all over and I had beena but he said that, after had been operated two times and broke up, he did not want operate again.

He want x-ray me too but the x-ray was broken. The parts for it will come by the ship.

I don't know what he will do for me yet. But my wife may get operate of her womb. The doctor examined her too.

On the way coming down, our magneto part little spring broken and my boys took of the spring of the alarm clock and fix it little spring and its work fine.

Our engine getting old, the top of the cylinder head crack and broken on one end and the

use the stove cement put on there and works alright for a time.

We had big gale of south west this morning and the men are very busy hauling up the boats on the beach. No harbor at Barro, unless go around the Point, eleven miles up.

The mail boat came yesterday and have no chance to land the mails ashore, because of big wind.

I have no more reports papers now with me.

I got only one drum from the mission, but the second one, I did not get it.

The one I got I use it when  
I was visiting the people.  
I am always very thankful  
of your prayer for me.

Cordially yours  
André Akoostelok.

Report from Mr. Andrew Akootchook  
Barter Island, Alaska

Barrow - Sept. 6, 1913 (Monday)

It is a nice day. My two sons Perry and Isaac came down with out launch from Pt. Barrow and they loaded up. I went over to the hospital to see doctor and tell him we are going home and he examined me little and give me medicine. We start 7 P.M. in the evening and travelled all night. The north wind is blowing.

Tuesday Sept. 7th:

The north wind blowing. We travel. We saw Philip at Hallock and we gave them 1 lb. tea and few matches and we go again and we stop at the Sandspit south of Cape Balkett. There is no way to get ashore. Perry get some wood for our stove. We slept there.

Wednesday Sept. 8th:

The north wind is blowing hard. The boys put up the mast on our launch, we may want to use it sometimes; we start again and big swell and we went around the Cape Balkett and we stop there for the night. To shallow and Mildred cooked the deer meat and we had good supper. Martha had seasick. We had a prayer meeting this evening.

Thursday September 9th:

The north wind blow light and the boys get some water with the kayak; we have no small boat and after they get water, we start 12 o'clock noon. We got to Eskimo Island two hours and we intend to go across, but we met big swell again and we turn back for shelter from wind to Eskimo Island. To shallow to get to the shore. We touched the bottom with our boat. We ate the last meat tonight. Isaac went ashore with the kayak and he shot one young loon and one grouse. We had a prayer and read the Bible tonight.

Friday Sept. 10th:

The north wind is blowing hard. We did not go today. The boys put the fish net but no fish - to late for fish to travel. We ate the soup of loon and grouse and pieces of meat. Elizabeth my daughter cooked the soup. We had prayer and read the Bible tonight.

Saturday September 11th:

The north wind is blowing hard. We did not go today. We are kind short of water. We can not go ashore, to shallow. We saw a piece of ice floated by and we went and get it and we were very thankful because there was no ice anywhere. We know God has providence for the people one who need it and so here now we have water to drink. We read the Bible and prayed for we may have good day to go across the big bay; fifty miles across no land to see.

Sunday September 12th:

The north wind is blowing and we had a service this morning and we start to go across the Barrow Bay. It has big swell and strong current against us and our boat is like a chip on the water. We made some around seven hours to Thetis Island. We stop at the Island, the boys get some snow for water and some wood for our stove and we start again and we got to Sliktook and Cyrus and his family there and feed us with the fish that what we like to eat. We had a evening service there. We stop there for tonight.

Monday September 13th:

There was calm day. We start early and we go to Beechey Pt. and we had prayer meeting there and after service was over we start again. We arrived to Fossey and George Good and his family there and they gave us some caribou meat and we gave them little flour some tea and coffee and one box 30-30 cartridges. We start again and we got to Tikkajisk Island and we meet Eakiamak and Henry Silamashik there. We stop there tonight. My boys cleaned up our engine.

Tuesday September 14th:

The north wind is blowing and we start to go and we arrived to Kichuonds place and after we ate there we start again and we arrived to Samuel's place and we went through the opening and we went around go through another open, to get to harbor but to shallow, we hit the bottom and hard time to pull out and the boys use small boat and put the anchor down and pulled by that rope and use the long poles to help to get out of that shallow place and finally we got off safely and we went right in to the lagoon of Brownlow Point. Store keeper Henry Chamberlain and with other Eskimo man came to us and my boys went ashore to have supper there.

Wednesday September 15th:

The north wind is blowing hard and we did not go today. My boys brought little stuff from Henry. We had a prayer meeting this evening in our launch.

Thursday September 16th:

There is no wind but little swell. We start at 10 o'clock this morning. We saw plenty seals on the water. The seals like the engine running and they were coming toward us and Norman try to shoot them but the swell bother him; cannot hit them with the bullet. Then we got to Aray Island, we got some wood and we arrived to Barter Island to our home this evening. We made 8 hours. We were glad to our family well. Charlie Gordon and his family follow us to visit.

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Barter Island, Alaska

Monday April 17, 1944:

It is a nice day and sunshine. My wife, and Ferry my son and I start to go up to Demarcation Point to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. My two daughters Elizabeth and Mildred accompany us as far to Humphrey Pt. We travelled thirty miles and we arrived to Humphrey Point this afternoon and Fred Gordon and his family welcome us good and after we ate our lunch we had a prayer meeting. Ferry cooked the dog feed w with seal meat and blubber and corn meal. We slept at their house tonight.

Tuesday April 18th:

It is a very nice day and sunshine and warm. We start again and my wife and I are sitting on the sled. We are going pretty fast and we had a lunch on the ice. We were sitting on the snow and we had snow table, we Eskimo never of snow and we start again and we arrived to Icy Beef. There are two family and they welcome us fine and we camp there for tonight. We are kind tired sitting on the sled and to much drifted snow. Ferry shot six grouses and we had supper with grouses this evening.

Barter Island, Alaska

Wednesday April 19th:

There are another good day and warm. We had a service this morning and I took picture of the people. We start again this morning. The wind start to blow from North Wind and kind get cold. We have to use big fur parkies and snow shirt outside of parkie to keep the snow off from parkie. Once an while Perry wetted the runners of cottonwood, so it will run easy. We used cottonwood runners on top iron runners because the iron runners very hard to run on the cold weather. We arrived to Kukpuk Point and after we had a lunch we had prayer meeting. There are 25 people there this evening. They did not have much food and we have to give them little flour. We camp there tonight. There are four families on this place.

Thursday April 20th:

It is a good and sunshine. My son Perry shot six grouses and we had good meal and soup. We did not go today. We let our dogs take a rest. The dogs are not like the engine they got to have rest sometimes. We had another service this noon and after service was over, I took the picture of the people.

Friday April 21st:

It is a nice day this morning. As soon as we ate breakfast we start for me and while we are going its get fog and no wind. Of course when get fog, the dogs are smart enough to follow the trail. Very seldom to get lost with the dogs. We arrived to Icy Head. Irving Singateek and his son Liffingwell follow us down to get little food from the store but that store were sold out, he did not have much food to sell. We camp there tonight.

Saturday April 22nd:

It is a nice day and sunshine. We had a service this morning. We start again and we arrived to Humphrey Point this afternoon. We had little sheep meat and Dorothy, Fred's wife, cooked it and we eat little meat. We camp there. Perry cooked the last dog feed with corn meal.

Sunday April 23rd:

It is a very nice day but it kind cloudy. We had a service at Humphrey Pt. and after service is over, we had little lunch. We start again so we can have service at Barter Island, but we are kind slow going in soft snow and we were little to late in time for service. They had evening service before we get there. My wife had a little fever today and she taken aspirin. My family are all well.

The Rev. J. Earl Jackson, Secretary  
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Barrow. Sept 6 1943. Monday.

11. 12 1944

It is a nice day. My two sons Perry and Isaac came down with their launch from Point Barrow and they loaded up. I went over to the hospital to see doctor and tell him we are going home and he examined me little and gave me medicine for my sore. We start 7: P.M. in the evening and traveled all night. The north wind is blowing.

Tue. Sept 7. The north wind blowing. We traveling. We saw Phillips at Naloruk and we saw two yellow tail and few marmots and we go again and we stop at the sand drift south of Cape Halkett.

There is no way to get ashore. Perry got some wood for our stove. We left there.

Wed. Sept 8. The north wind is blowing hard.

The boat out of the west now launch, we may want to use it sometimes; we start again and big swell and we went around the Cape Halkett and stop there for the night. To shallow and milder cooked the deer meat and we had good supper. Notha had seasick and vomited. We had a prayer meeting this evening.

Thurs. Sept 9. The north wind less light and the boys got some water with the kayak, we have a small boat and after they got water, we start 12:00 o'clock at noon. We got to the island and two hours and we intend to go across, but we want big swell again and we turn back for a shelter from wind to Eskimo Island. To shallow to get to the shore. We touched the bottom with our boat.

Friday. ate the last meat today. Isaac went ashore with the kayak and he shot one young moose and one grouse. We had a prayer and read the Bible tonight.

Sat to Fri. The north wind is blowing hard. We did not go today. The boys but the fish net but no fish to late for fish to travel. We ate the soup of tomorrow.

grouse and piece of meat. & lighted my candle.  
cooked the soup. We had prayer and read the  
Bible tonight.

Sept 11, Sat. The north wind is blowing hard. We  
did not go today. We are kind short of water. We  
can not go anymore, to shallaw. We saw a piece  
ice floated by and we went and got it and  
we were very thankful because there was  
no ice anywhere. We know God has provided  
for the people one who need it and so here  
now we have water to drink. We read the  
Bible and prayed for we may have good day to  
go across the Big Bay; fifty miles across to  
land to see.

Sun. Sept 12. The north wind is blowing and we  
had a service this morning and we start  
to go across the Horizon Bay. It is big  
wells and strong current of wind and wave,  
boat is like a ship on the water. We made  
one around seven hours to Petis Island.  
We stop at the Island, the boys get some more  
for water and some wood for our stove and we  
start again and we got to 3 islands and Cyrus  
and his family there and feed us with the  
fish that we like to eat. We had an  
evening service there. We stop there for  
tonight.

Mon. Sept 13. There was calm day. We start  
early and we got to Beechey R. and we had  
prayer meeting there and after service we  
was over to start again.

We arrived to Froggy and George Wood and  
their family there and they gave us some  
caribou meat and we give them little bows  
some tea and coffee and one box of 30, 30. cartridge  
We start again and we got to Ikhavik Island  
and we met Takianuk and many Indians and their

Mon Sept 13.

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We stop here tonight. my boys cleaned up our engine.

Tue Sept 14. The north wind is blowing and we start to go and we arrived to Richmonds place and after we ate there, we start again and we arrived to Samuels place and we went through the spring and we went around to go through another place, to get to the harbor but to shallow we hit the bottom and hard time to pull out and the boys use small boat and put the anchor down and held by that rope and use the long poles to keep D. get out of that shallow place and finally we got off safely and we went right in to the lagoon of Brownlow Point. Store keeper Henry Chamberlain and with other Eskimos man came to us and my boys went ashore to have supper there.

Wed Sept 15. The north wind is blowing and we did not go today. My boys brought little stuff from Hesky. We had a prayer meeting this evening for our church.

Thur Sept 16. There is no wind but little swell. We start at 10 o'clock this morning. We saw many seals on the water. The seals like the engine running and they were coming toward us and we tried to try to shoot them, but the swell got in the way so we just shot them into the bullet. When we got to Avery Island, we got some wood and we arrived to Barter Island to our home this evening. We made 8 hours. We were glad to our family well. Leslie Gordon and his family followed us to visit.

Barter Island Alaska.

April 4, 1944.

Mr Everett B. King  
156 Fifth Ave, New York  
N.Y.

JUN 14 1944

Dear brother Mr King: I am writing a letter

today even than what time my letter will  
reach you. All this winter, we don't hear any  
thing from Barrow or outside.

We had another and  
no mails yet for me. We had another and  
year up here. Two white men were or soon  
died that they are trading. You know one  
of name Dr. J. W. Smith at Beekley Point.  
And another one John B. Olson, that was  
trading up at Wimby Pt.

My family and myself living mostly on  
meat. My boys hunting and they did not  
trapping. We had windy winter, blowing and  
all the times. Lets make the travelers stop  
from going. sometimes when it blows hard  
can not see nothing few feet away  
not long ago two men traveling with their  
dog team to trade from the store.

They stay nearly one week and two of their  
dogs died from starve or frozen.

Very hard for dogs feed here this winter  
two of our dog died too from not to eat for  
a time. We had no open water.

Four of my boys went up to the mountains  
to hunt and they killed some seals and  
we were very thankful to have little meat.

I think you received my letter written in  
Set in first part last fall. I wrote to you  
to let you know we are going back here.  
We started Sept 6 last fall. It's kind late to  
travel on ice sea. no ice. We are coming  
home twelve days, because we stop many  
times of big wind and we stop at every place  
to have dinner waiting and then go  
again after sun rise was over.

The winds are welcome as coming back  
I ne place down at Harrison Bay. We stop  
7 days of big winds. We were in channel  
and very shallow in both ways and can not  
go ashore, we run out of water and no meat  
We had white man food.

We pray in two night to have good weather  
or like something what we need.  
One of my boys I saw went ashore with little  
payaak. He shot one young bear and one grouse  
and had good soup of those two birds it just  
a great. We thinks men like the meat  
better than flour. on the next morning  
One boy calling. ice, ice, and small pieces of  
ice floated toward us from big open sea.  
No sign of ice anywhere and how that  
small ice yet in the sea and we went for  
it with our launch and the boys took it up by  
the rope on the boat and very good to have after  
and that a hour that had answered our prayer.  
When we start from that place, we went across  
big bay fifty miles, see no land, we bushing  
the wind and made it seven hours on  
big swell. It had danger to travel like that.

But we went across safely and we went in the bay to get water but no water on that island of sandspit. Good thing to find some snow and the boys fill our water buckets with snow and we got some wood too for ours to use and we arrived to Gliktok and there were one family. We stop there for tonight and we had little trouble in our launch. We ate some fish now them. As soon as the day light come we start again in slow weather. We got to the bush again at Beechey Point and we went ashore and had prayer meeting again. Those people gave us some carbon meat and fish and we were very glad to have meat. We traveled all day long and stop where the people are. We stop for night at Gikwajik and and my boy very clean our engines. We meet three men and one little boy there and they stop with us tonight. On the next morning we start again and we stop of one family there and had little lunch there and we start and we got to the Brumado Pt and the wind blowing and from north east and we went around try to go in through the opening and we were aground and the big swell hitting our boat and the boys set the anchor out and pulled by rope and the other boys pushed by long poles and finally we got off and went in safely. We stayed there another one day. We had prayer meeting there and we bought some things for our use from the trader there. That man Henry M. L. Mountain. On the next morning, there is no wind and we started again on big swell and no wind

We travelled about eight hours and we got home. Baster & I have enjoyed our family, we are all well and we were thinking of God. I will send my reports out too, I did not have any more report papers, some of them I wrote down on common papers that I don't know what I am doing. I am sorry, I can not send them out last summer, I left them very late. I want to write to you all the time, but no body travel down to Barrow this winter. Some of the people had hard times again no clean water for seal hunting. Very hard for dog feed and our dogs are very poor and no chance to visit the people. But now the days longer now I hope to visit some people again.

I was very thankful for the books you sent them to me and I need any good book to study the Bible with. We use them at Vesper services in the evening services and we use the service hymnal in the morning, but we did not have enough time service hymnal I like my preaching to the people and I am writing the translation for the people of what they want of Bible verses put them into the skins language. I am always very glad when you give me good advise, you are only one and our guiding one in my work.

Mr. K. wrote to me. I want to be faithful in my work for Christ. I saw Mr. Mackay just once last summer down at Barrow, I am very glad you are praying for me.

Cordially yours  
Andrew Ekostabook.

Barter Island Alaska April 17, 1944. Monday.

It is a nice day and sun shine. My wife and Perry my son and I start to go up to Demarcation Point to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ. My two daughters Elizabeth and Mildred accompany us as far to Humphrey Pt.

We traveled thirty miles and we arrived to Humphrey point this afternoon and met Gordon and his family welcome as good and after we ate our lunch we had a

lunch meeting Perry cooked the dog feed with seal meat.

and blubber and corn feed. We slept at their house tonight

April 18. It is a very nice day and sun shine and clear. We start again and my wife and I are sitting on the sled. We are going pretty fast and we had a lunch on the ice. We were sitting on the snow and we had snow table, we Eskimos never know and we start again and we arrived to Dog Pt. There a - two family and they welcome us fine and we camp there for tonight. we are tired and sitting on the sled and to much wind and snow. Perry shot six grouses and we had supper and grouse dinner.

Wednesday April 19. There are another good day and warm.

We had a service this morning and I took picture of the people. We start again this morning. The wind start to blow from north wind and wind get cold. We have to use two parkies and snow shirt outside of parkie to keep the snow off from parkie. Once an Eskimo Perry wetted the snow off of cotton wood, so it will run away. We used iron wood runner on top iron runners because the iron runners very hard to run on the cold weather. We arrived to Demarcation Pt. and after we had a lunch, we had prayer meeting. There are 20 people here this evening. They eat a lot of meat food and we have to give them little place, we camp here tonight. There are few families on this place.

Thursday April 20. It is a good and sun shine. my wife and I go to town and we had good time and I fished. We did not go today. We let our dogs take a rest. The dogs are not like the engine they get to use a lot of time. We had another service this noon and after service was over, I took the picture of the people.

April 21, Friday. It is a nice day this morning. As soon as we ate breakfast we start for me and while we are going, its get fog and no winds, of course when get fog, the dogs are smart enough to follow the trail. Very seldom do get lost with the dogs. We arrived to Lay Lee, Irving Sing took and his son Lippin well follows us down to get little food from the store, but that store were sold out, he did not have much food to sell. We camp there tonight.

April 22, Saturday. It is a nice day and sun shine. We had a service this morning. We start again and we arrived to Humphry Point this afternoon. We had little sheep meat and Dorothy Freds wife cooked it and we eat little meat. We camp there. They cooked the last dog feed with corn & eat.

April 23, Sunday. It is a very nice day but it is kind cloudy. We had a service at Humphry, after service is over we had little lunch, then we start again so we can have service at Bester Island, but we are kind slow going, soft snow and we were little to late in time for service. They had evening service before we get there.

My wife had a little fever today and she still aching. My family are all well.

Barter Island Alaska.

Mr. Everett S. King.  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York N.Y.

May 6, 1944.

JUN 14 1944

Dear Sirs: I am writing another letter to you after I came back from Demarcation Point. My wife and my son, Perry and I went up the coast and carry the goods of about 6000 people up there. These people are all well and they welcome us warmly. We had two services at Nunivak Point and another two services at Chukchi Point. We had good day traveling and in just one day we had north east wind blowing and we get cold and all though, we use big fur bairies to keep us warm. We have ten dogs pulling the sled and we made it three days go up and another three days coming back. The people up there did not have much food and we have to give them of our little flour and we had little meat also and we gave them some of that also. The stores keepers here did not have any more food to sell. My son Perry went up the mountains to try to get meat and as soon as he comes home I want to go down the coast to visit the people there. We are kind short of food now, no flour any where. I think one of my boys will go down to Barrow to get some.

things for us with the dogs teams.  
It took two hundred miles to travel.  
We had open water here and my dogs went  
out and camp out there and they had to travel  
miles but sleep as long as we want.

One time they went out and the wind start  
to blow hard from south west wind and the  
ice start to crush up and they got scared  
of crushing of ice. The ice traveled very  
high. I wonder if you receive my  
letter written Sept 6, 1943, last fall in telling  
you, we coming back from sorrow last fall.  
We were visited the people preached to them  
on the way home and I will send the  
Bible of one, traveled last fall.

I didn't receive any letter yet since last  
summer. We did not leave any news home  
in our letter. It find slow sending the  
mail at this time.

I am trying hard to help those people in  
my break up here and I am always very  
glad to receive your letters and help in  
your prayers. I read some of Bibles ones  
you sent to me. You are the man  
encourage me in my work and I  
am very thankful for it.

I will close my letter now.

Cordially yours  
Andrew Chootook.

Flatman Island Alaska.  
May 21, 1944.

Dear Mr Everett B. King: I write a letter

to you again this afternoon, after we had  
morning service here. We are planning to  
start for home tomorrow. We had been  
here two Sundays and we had prayer  
meeting last Wednesday evening.

Some people came to church from  
Brownlow Point. The distance is about  
five miles. When I preached to those  
people, some of the people shown in  
conviction on their faces  
and they were thanking for their God  
for to hear the word of God.

When we came down we took at  
Brownlow Point and I preached to the  
people there and then we went on to  
Flatman Island & we had a day  
there. We had kind soft snow & its  
very hard for the sled and we had strong  
wind from north winds and we used  
the sail on the sleds. We used  
two dog teams. We made it two days  
traveled short. We joy'd these people are  
kind of food. They are living on seal meat  
not many seals either. We have & give  
them out your grub. their meat.  
There are no more flour anywhere to  
get it. We are just living on meat.

My wife and I were very tired ~~in~~ <sup>out</sup> of the sled. We have to stop for a while to clean the dogs feet because of the soft snow got into the dogs feet and often caused the feet. The dogs start better and the dogs were trotting for long distance. The dogs need good feed in the night and good rest for next morning travel. My son Harry went down to ~~Seecay~~ Point to buy some things what we want but that store were ~~not~~ <sup>to</sup> stuff. He came back empty. I don't hear any thing yet from ~~it~~ side and I do not even get any letters yet. I traveled up to ~~Alone~~ <sup>Alone</sup> Pt. and down here. I was very glad to do that for first. Obanum ~~line~~ went down to Barrow from ~~Seecay~~ Point and he asked the post office man there, if there is any mail for me, but he did not give him any. I think I have no letter. I am always glad to receive your letters. We send Mr. F. G. Klerekotter and Dr. Langfield are coming up on the airplane but they did not sick up yet. I was very slow with my letters this winter, there was no way to send them out. I wrote my letters and my report reach you safely. We will be another service this coming.

cordially yours  
Andrew Akootook

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INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS

TO Miss Gillespie (2 copies)  
FROM Miss Sheibley (1 copy)  
RE: Unit of Work in Alaska - Miss Koerner

DATE June 13, 1944

The attached report has just been received from our lay-worker,  
Mr. Andrew Akootchoak, on Barter Island, Alaska. We thought you  
would be interested in having this information. A copy has also  
been sent to Mrs. Hayes.

Unit of Work in Alaska  
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Report from Mr. Andrew Akootchook  
Barter Island, Alaska

Barrow - Sept. 6, 1943 (Monday)

It is a nice day. My two sons Perry and Isaac came down with our launch from Pt. Barrow and they loaded up. I went over to the hospital to see doctor and tell him we are going home and he examined us little and give me medicine. We start 7 P.M. in the evening and travelled all night. The north wind is blowing.

Tuesday Sept. 7th:

The north wind blowing. We traveling. We saw Philip at Nalook and we gave them  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. tea and few matches and we go again and we stop at the Sandspit south of Cape Falklett. There is no way to get ashore. Perry got some wood for our stove. We slept there.

Wednesday Sept. 8th:

The north wind is blowing hard. The boys put up the mast on our launch, we may want to use it sometimes; we start again and big swell and we went around the Cape Falklett and we stop there for the night. We shallow and Mildred cooked the deer meat and we had good supper. Martha had service. We had a prayer meeting this evening.

Thursday September 9th:

The north wind blow light and the boys got some water with the kayak; we have no small boat and after they get water, we start 12 o'clock noon. We got to Savimo Island two hours and we intend to go across, but we see a big swell again and we turn back for shelter, from wind to Iskino Island. We shallow to get to the shore. We touched the bottom with our boat. We ate the last meat tonight. Isaac went ashore with the kayak and he shot one young loon and one grouse. We had a prayer and read the Bible tonight.

Friday Sept. 10th:

The north wind is blowing hard. We did not go today. The boys put the fish net but no fish - too late for fish to travel. We ate the soup of leon and grease and pieces of meat. Elizabeth my daughter cooked the soup. We had prayer and read the Bible tonight.

Saturday September 11th:

The north wind is blowing hard. We did not go today. We are kind short of water. We can not go ashore, to shallow. We saw a piece of ice floated by and we went and get it and we were very thankful because there was no ice anywhere. We know God has provision for the people one who need it and so here now we have water to drink. We read the Bible and prayed for we may have good day to go across the big bay, fifty miles across no land to see.

Sunday September 12th:

The north wind is blowing and we had a service this morning and we start to go across the Garrison Bay. It has big swell and strong current against us and our boat is like a ship on the water. We made some around seven hours to Thetis Island. We stop at the Island, the boys get some snow for water and some wood for our stove and we start again and we got to Shiktook and Cyrus and his family there and feed us with the fish that what we like to eat. We had a evening service there. We stop there for tonight.

Monday September 13th:

There was calm day. We start early and we go to Beechey Pt. and we had prayer meeting there and after service was over we start again. We arrived to Fossey and George Root and his family there and they gave us some caribou meat and we gave them little flour some tea and coffee and one box 30-30 cartridges. We start again and we got to Tukajik Island and we meet Kakiaak and Henry Silimashuk there. We stop there tonight. My boys cleaned up our engine.

Tuesday September 14th:

The north wind is blowing and we start to go and we arrived to Richards place and after we ate there we start again and we arrived to Samuel's place and we went through the opening and we went around go through another open, to get to harbor but to shallow, we hit the bottom and hard time to pull out and the boys use small boat and put the anchor down and pulled by that rope and use the long poles to help to get out of that shallow place and finally we got off safely and we went right in to the harbor of Bowlegs Point. Shore keeper, Henry Chamberlain and with other Eskimos run came to us and my boys want ashore to have supper there.

Wednesday September 15th:

The north wind is blowing hard and we did not go today. My boys brought little stuff from Henry. We had a prayer meeting this evening in our launch.

Thursday September 16th:

There is no wind but little swell. We start at 10 o'clock this morning. We saw plenty seals on the water. The seals like the engine running and they were coming toward us and Ferman try to shoot them but the swell bother him cannot hit them with the bullet. When we got to Icy Island, we got some wood and we arrived to Barter Island to our home this evening. We made 8 hours. We were glad to our family well. Charlie Ferman and his family follow us to visit.

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Barter Island, Alaska

Monday April 17, 1944

It is a nice day and sunshine. My wife, and Perry my son and I start to go up to Demarcation Point to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. My two daughters Elizabeth and Mildred accompany us as far to Murphy Pt. We travelled thirty miles and we arrived to Murphy Point this afternoon and Fred Jordan and his family welcome us good and after we ate our lunch we had a prayer meeting. Perry cooked the dog feed with seal meat and blubber and corn meal. We slept at their house tonight.

Tuesday April 18th:

It is a very nice day and sunshine and warm. We start again and my wife and I are sitting on the sled. We are going pretty fast and we had a lunch on the ice. We were sitting on the snow and we had snow table, we skins never of snow and we start again and we arrived to Icy Reef. There are two family and they welcome us fine and we camp there for tonight. We are kind tired sitting on the sled and to much drifted snow. Perry shot six grouse and we had supper with grouse this evening.

Barter Island, Alaska

Wednesday April 19th:

There are another good day and warm. We had a service this morning and I took picture of the people. We start again this morning. The wind start to blow from North. Wind and kind get cold. We have to use big fur parkies and snow shirt outside of parkie to keep the snow off from parkie. Once an while Perry wetted the runners of cottonwood, so it will run easy. We used cottonwood runners on the iron runners because the iron runners very hard to run on the cold weather. We arrived to Unalakleet Pt. and after we had a lunch we had prayer meeting. There are 25 people there this evening. They did not have much food and we have to give them little flour. We camp there tonight. There are four families on this place.

Thursday April 20th:

It is a good and sunshine. My son Perry shot six grouses and we had good meal and soup. We did not go today. We let our dogs take a rest. The dogs are not like the engine they got to have rest sometimes. We had another service this noon and after service was over, I took the picture of the people.

Friday April 21st:

It is a nice day this morning. As soon as we ate breakfast we start for me and while we are going its get fog and no wind. Of course when get fog, the dogs are smart enough to follow the trail. Very seldom to get lost with the dogs. We arrived to Lay Reef. Irving Singatook and his son LARRY will follow us down to get little food from the store but that store were sold out, he did not have much food to sell. We camp there tonight.

Saturday April 22nd:

It is a nice day and sunshine. We had a service this morning. We start again and we arrived to Humphrey Point this afternoon. We had little sheep meat and Dorothy, Fred's wife, cooked it and we eat little meat. We camp there. Perry cooked the last dog feed with corn meal.

Sunday April 23rd:

It is a very nice day but it kind cloudy. We had a service at Humphrey Pt. and after service is over, we had little lunch. We start again so we can have service at Barter Island, but we are kind slow going in soft snow and we were little to late in time for service. They had evening service before we get there. My wife had a little fever today and she taken aspirin. My family are all well.

The Rev. J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Unit of Work in Alaska  
Board of National Missions

Mailed from Pt. Barrow, Alaska on May 24, 1944.  
Censored and arrived in N.Y. Office June 12, 1944.

Barter Island Alaska  
Jan 16, 1945

F. Earl Fackman  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N. Y.

~~Frankly~~  
FEB 20 1945

Dear sir:

I received an Alaska news Bulletin and after I read <sup>them</sup> that makes me think to write to you personally. I am up here at Barter Island and the people are not stay together and I have to go to them and preach the gospel of Jesus Christ. I traveled with the dog teams in winter. Sometimes I can not go of the wind for long times. In summer, I traveled with my launch and I buy the gasoline from the stores, but last summer my engine broken on me and we tried to fix it up, but nothing to fix with and then we filled up one of the blocks with the gunny sack wetted with water and used it that way all the summer.

But I don't know for this summer that our old engine work out, had been used since 1928. I will buy new engine if I could find

20 horse power.

I had agreement with the Barrow Native store to order new engine for me and when the engine come, I will pay for it.

The Lord good Christ last this winter. We had three services on Christmas and I was very glad that some people had been converted and fifteen souls had been converted on that day and they gave small gifts, thirteen dollars eighty five cents. <sup>IN DEP #1014</sup> Out of these \$5.00 for Sunday school

subbles. We had no sunday school supplies for long time no  
The people gave Christmas presents to each others. And there was no way to buy gasoline up here this winter and we used Eskimo lamps with the seal oil on Christmas times. We Eskimo people get use to it. That not the only time we use seal oil lamp. We are living here east of Barrow about 300 miles or more. We are close to the mountains. We are living most on meat of deer and seals. Of course we buy little flour and other things from the store. The people here have poor year, not many foxes and some people did not have much to eat and now one family of old people are staying with us and we have to feed them that is why we help the people when they need of food. I am always happy and willing to do the service for Christ for the people up here.

Cordially yours  
Andrew Abootchook.

Board of National Mission  
of the Presbyterian Church  
in the U. S. A.  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

Barter Island Alaska  
Jan 17 1945

FEB 26 1945

I am sending the Statistical

Report of Dec and little <sup>the first part of this</sup> story with it.  
We had bad weather <sup>the first part of this</sup> month and on Christmas  
time, we had big wind & north east nearly two weeks.  
Some people had hard time to come over for Christmas.  
We sent the boy my son Roy to meet some of them,  
because of big wind. I am sending another  
Tow of dog too the old man and his wife. We are  
helping them and feed them here now, because  
they have no food all this fall.

On Christmas time, we were out of gasline and  
no gasline to buy from the store here; because  
the boats did not come up last summer.  
We have to use seal oil lamps and five candles,  
that great help to us have poor light, but we Eskimos  
people get use to it, we were brought up with that kind  
of light, but you see, how it looks very different from  
ours light. We have no Christmas presents, but of  
course the people are willing enough to give  
presents to each others of their own.

We were enjoyed to have Christmas that way.  
We have three services on Christmas and some  
of the <sup>people</sup> had been convicted and fifteen souls had

been win for Christ that was very good.  
I did not travel for the people this fall while the  
days are short and now the days are getting longer  
now and the sun will be back in full day  
now again. We can not the sun until Jan  
23 or 24 of high mountains close to us.

Sincerely yours  
Andrew Akoatsuk

JUN 8 1945

Feb 9, 1945 - We had cold weather and blowing north east wind. When we held the service, we use the seal oil lamps and we move for wick. It is very dark to read the Bible and we have to get close to the lamp to see better. Even though, it better than without light at all.

Every movement makes the light smoke, of course to make the house black. Some of the did not come to church because the windy and very cold.

Feb 10th wind blow light - We had a prayer meeting and we use seal oil lamps. There is no gasoline to buy from, unless go down over 300 miles to buy gasoline from the store. Last summer the boat did not get home, because to much warmer.

Feb 11. The north west wind is blowing hard - We held two services and sunday school. We use the seal oil lamps, that only things we have, we have come close to the lamp, it is all good. We & skins people get use to that kind lamp anyway. Some women tended to the lamp, with a small stick and trimmed it good. Some people did not come to church, of big wind. can not see very far of big snowing.

Feb 14. We did not have a prayer meeting this evening because we went out hunting seals on of the water and come home late in the night. We killed eleven seals. We have to cut ice to makes the road for loaded sled and the dogs pulled hard.

Feb 18. It is a very cold day and very clear day. We held morning service and sunday school and evening service. We use seal oil lamps to read our Bibles.

Mar 1st, Feb 19. Roy and I start to go down to feed to the people. The dogs were very slow because to much ice on top the snow and very slippery for dogs to pull.

We arrived to Saligotet the afternoon. There is a family of Richardson Gloghe. We had prayer meeting there.

Wed Feb 20. We start again and wind blowing south  
wind and very cold. We traveled about 25 miles and we  
arrived to Flanigwick and the people welcome us there  
and they have warm house and very comfortable for a  
man after traveling in very cold weather. I have to  
put my hands on my face to protect from frozen when  
I am traveling. We had a prayer meeting this evening.  
I was very tired tonight of walking.

Thur Feb 21. It is a very clear day. We start again at  
9 A.M. and we were very slow because to much ice on  
the snow. We arrived to Brownlow Point this afternoon  
I was very tired by walking. We had prayer meeting  
this afternoon while day light. After prayer meeting,  
I have to talk to a girl I met which she has a baby  
without husband and she denying altogether at first  
and I talked to her and then, her confessing her sins  
and the tears coming out of her eyes and I, talked to  
her Jesus words and then, she is coming in into  
brighter face. Then after she had sorrowful face  
before she confess. It is very good to win some  
souls to Christ. —

Feb 22. It is a nice day Roy and I start for home, because  
not much food after I gave some meat to the people.  
They have no meat. We traveled long distance, so we can  
get home tomorrow before sunday. We found a small  
cabin with the stove in it. We have no cooking gear  
with us. only very small fry pan <sup>which</sup> had been use  
for lamp and I let the woman cleaned it up. We use  
that to cook hot cake and we ate deer frozen meat  
and drink tea. Tonight. We were very tired. We have to  
crawled into our sleeping bags clothes on tonight.

Feb 23. It is a very nice day. We start again and after travel  
onward, we got to Richmond place. We have to rest there four  
hours. We read the Bible when all that afternoon.  
Roy put cooked flour on his sled runner to make easier for travel  
that's the way men use flour on their sleds. We got home safely.



Barter Island Alaska

April 18, 1945.

Mr. F. G. W. Packman  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N.Y.

JUN 8 1945

Dear Mr. Packman:— I was very glad to received your two letters to me came in this month. They were coming long time, you see how my letters comes to me, because no mails run between Barrow and Barter Island, like down at Barrow.

That makes me very late to answer them and the certificates, that which I have to fill them out. I am going to filling them out best I could, I did not know much about them, unless some one help me how to do it. I will try to follow the words that were written in them.

Any things that the Board sent up to me to fill them out, I want to do them quickly, but comes slow and when I send them, it travels slow, because the only way is my letters go out by some one travel down to Barrow I am far east of Barrow over three hundred miles.

You had been wonder about my salary if I am getting them or not in your letter in Bpt 26, I am getting them right along, only things is slow on coming.

And also I send you about my children and birth dates. I have ten children and four boys are grown up now and

two of my daughters were married.  
Even though they are staying with us  
in one place at Barter Island.

Last year I am out of Statistical Report and  
now, I have some now.

I was very glad of my salary added more  
That's great help to me in my work for the  
people. The people here are not staying together  
I have to go to them. Sometimes it hard  
to do for me in winter and I have to  
go with my boat in the summer.

This year in Feb, I went down as far as  
to Brownlow Point to visite the people.  
We were very slow going, because our dogs  
are very poor. My son have to run a lead  
of dogs to make them go faster.

We Esquimos people are got use to do any  
way. After we came home, we got sick  
in March. The boy came up from Barrow.  
brought up that sickness, called flu. The people  
at Barrow are dying. That boy start from  
there, without knowing of doctor.

The people up here have had times without  
any medicine, only things is to use  
seal oil to make the throat stop from coughing.  
We use plenty water.

Sevens people died up along here.

I am not very strong yet.

We did not have services quite few  
times, because of that sickness.

It's very hard for those people up here  
any sickness comes.

In your letter you said that you are going to visit Barrow next summer and, that you are saying that you want to see me, and I want to see you also and talk to me about my work.

But I have no gasoline to go down with and it takes quite a while to go down without the gasoline. I hope to see you and talk with you. Our place here have good harbor and back lagoon and opening to go through. I am alone up here when anything come up. There is no elder with me.

I have to take up all the matter alone. Some people have been converted this winter and I met one girl have a baby this fall without husband and I had difficulty with her. She try to deny that she never been with any boys and I made her convicted and finally she confess her sins and promise to believe on Christ Jesus and accept Him as her own personal Savior. I met another man, that no kick I had been long to talk to him about Christ and he did not want to listen to me and he went out and go away. That very petty for that man and we are praying for him. I am very of you are praying for me in my work.

Yes I try hard to win the people for Christ and I know there are some people up along here are faithful to their Savior.

you sent me the copies of the gospels in  
Eskimos dialect and when I looked them  
up and I found out I could not understand  
them. Those are the languages of Eskimos  
of Kuskokwim. We can not understand  
each others. Those people over thousands  
miles down the coast. I can not use  
them here and I hope to send them back  
or down to Barrow, so the minister have  
to send them out. You let me know about it.  
I had been ordered for one Bible dictionary  
of John H. Mavis and I have them here  
now.

I want you to get me one large type edition  
of Scofield Bible of India paper with  
a dictionary of scripture proper names and  
concordance. Pay for it out of my salary  
Even cost money, I want strong Bibles &  
I want any books good for work and you  
know yourself what I ought to have to help  
me in work. I am trying to do my duty in faithfully  
Every things you send to me pay for them  
out of my salary.

I will be very much appreciate of you  
to do that for me.  
I am wearing my eyes all the time when  
I am reading. Cordially yours  
Andrew Akootchook

Barter Island Alaska

Aug 8, 1945.

Mr. J. Earl Jackman  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N. Y.

SEP 17 1945

July 17

Dear Mr. Jackman:-

I was very glad to receive

your letter came to me in June this spring.  
You said that you are hoping to be in Barrow  
in later part of April or the first part of May.

I am sorry that I am late to see you.

I thought you will be in Barrow sometimes in  
August. I want to see you too, but now is  
to late. I did not get your letter quick enough.

You see how my mails come late and my  
letters did not go out quick enough.

I am in far east of Barrow, and the mail  
did not run between here and Barrow.  
I say that some people come from Barrow  
brought my letters. I send with my reports  
did not send out early. I do best I could to  
send them out.

I was planning to go down to Barrow in  
April last spring, but the flu comes to us  
suddenly and I did not go down.

I read in the Alaska News letter the office  
would like to have picture of snap and I had  
one picture snap of my self and wife but did  
not develop it yet because I have no more  
developed and hypo. I will try to send it later  
on after I fix it up. Also Miss Gillespie  
asks to write to the supporting groups.

I will write to her about my work.  
 I want to send my letters out quickly but  
 I am in late, because no body travels  
 between here and Barrow.  
 My boys are painting our boat now, so we  
 can travel again to visit the people.  
 I have no gasoline, but I have sail to  
 sail with it. Only that very slow travel in  
 that way. We had good hot summer and  
 sometimes, we have church out doors only that  
 lots of mosquitoes and we have to build fire  
 and make it smoke that only way to keep  
 the mosquitoes off little.  
 I use the truss on my abdominal hernia.  
 I had been operation twice but opens up.  
 Dr. Sienfeld examined and he told me  
 that very hard to set it again after it has been  
 operation twice. The truss help me much but  
 my truss is worn out and my wife have  
 to sew it and put new straps on sometimes  
 The hernia dont stop me from my travel  
 to the people. I like my preach to the people  
 and write the translation to them also.  
 Those copies of the Gospels in Eskimo dialect was  
 sent to me, but we can not understand them  
 and we can not use them. Those written  
 in Inoskowim languages. I do not know  
 what to do with them. I think its only way  
 is send them back.

I am always very glad to receive your good letters and that you are praying for me. One time I went up to Humphry Point in June and there was lots of water and there was and very old man, his name is John Koopuk. He and his daughter had been up the mountains all winter. He can not hunt himself. His daughter hunt sheep and she killed three sheep and one brown bear. That man use to be great hunter.

I have to give them little coffee and tea. That the old people like to drink in our country. After I preached there. That old man speaks that the praying of the people help him to be happy in his life. The Holy Spirit comforting him after his wife died two years ago.

We had quite few death here this winter and there some help less people and I have to three of my boy to help them burying their dead ones and making the coffins out of the log and they had been away a month. I am still weak them of that sickness we had. My son Perry gave one family his tent to have that tent to use it for a funeral they have nothing to cover them.

I am always very glad to receive letters from you.

Sincerely yours  
Andrew Ekootook

Barter Island Alaska

Aug 21, 1946.

On this month we had cold and windy weather. We start to go down to Beechey Point to visit the people. The distance is about one hundred thirty miles. We have only fifteen gallon gasoline. We start out Tuesday afternoon.

We use sail to save gasoline and the getting worse and we have to take the sail down and start the engine. We must very careful about our engine, because, we use only three cylinders only because one has hole in and we block it up with gunny sack. Our magneto spring broke also and my son Perry fix it up with piece of iron out the tanks and we were out of every things. We were sailing among the ice, just before we get to the people, its get dark and we were outside the ice and very to see in the night and there is no way to go through and we try to find the safe place to go through and finally we found one very narrow place to go through and we went in that place and janned our boat by two ice. Its good things our boat did not broke.

We were going inside the ice and the sand spit on the left side and we were to close to the beach and we tried to turn our boat over but our wheel broke and we went on the sand spit. It is good things it did not break while we were on the sea. Perry and Vincent fixed it up and after they finished, we try to pull out but we can not pull and we have to wait for the big water. In the next morning we pulled out and start again and towing our small boat and when we hit the ice

our boat sunk and got the rope and we did not know it and after we found out that it was sunk. We turn back and try to hook it with seal hooks. and good things we hook it. Our meat is in that too and after we put our little boat in our launch, we start and we arrived to Brownlow Point; and my boys went ashore and the people are welcome them and those people came out to our launch and we had a prayer meeting this evening. We stay there for tonight. In the next morning we went around and our engine did not run right again. My son Perry fixed it up again and we start again. We borrowed two cases of gasoline from Samuel because we did not have much gasoline. We use sail again and stop our engine to save gasoline in that way. It is very thick fog again. We have to follow the sand spit for keep of from sea. We went by our compass only. When it get dark we camp again, because to much ice. On the following day, we start again in thick fog and in toward Sat Innoon, the fog left up and cleared. We were very glad to have nice day. We arrived to Breezy Point this afternoon and we were very glad to see our friends again. We had four services and some people had be convicted of their sins and Twenty one people had been converted. We had good sermon that night. We went go back but big wind from North east stop us from going. There are slush on the beach. We did not have much meat now good things, we shot some brents and we have good soups.

Sincerely yours  
(Andrew Akootchook)

Rev. J. Earl Fackman  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

Beechey Point Alaska  
Aug 28, 1945.

July 17 1945  
SEP 17 1945

Dear Rev. J. Earl Fackman:

I am writing another letter to you after I arrived to this place and we had two services on Sunday and I am going to stay this week.

We came here late and I have to borrow two cases from Samuel. I did not have of my own gasoline. We use sail half the time. We had big wind in coming down. We use our old engine pluck up one of the cylinder head with gunny sack. One of the spring of magneto was broke too but my son Perry fit it up with piece of tin and work aright, only thing is to fit it up once awhile. When we start from Barter Island. We use sail half way to Brownlow Point and plenty of ice and some places, we can not go through. We have to go in to the sand spit in the night. We found very narrow head and go right in and jam our boat in between two ice and good thing our boat did not broke and only our wheel broke and my boys fit it up and when we arrived to Brownlow Point. We had prayer meeting and from there we followed the sand spit in very thick fog. We are just go by the compass

I am sending the gifts of our people  
at Barter Island. \$17.75 and one red fox skin  
and I hope it will reach safely.

Cordially Yours  
Andrew Akootchook.

P.S. There is another two dollars came  
for the gifts, after I packed up the gifts  
and so I put in your letter.

Andrew Akootchook

Rev. J. Earl Jackman,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N.Y.

Barter Island, Alaska.  
Oct 22, 1946.

MAIL 14 1946

Dear Rev. Jackman:

I am sending my report

of Sept and I did not receive any letter from you since last June. Probably the post office down at Barrow holding them. ~~They are late~~  
Even those Tech intermediate - Senior quarterlies did not come yet. Mr. P. Green sent them up to me in Mar 13 1945. I want to have them here and I don't know what make them slow.

We use old quarterlies when I went down to Beechey Point two boats came up to Beechey in carrying the food for store there and here. We stay there for two weeks and I was very glad some of the people there had been converted and converted.

When we start to go home we took some load of flour and cereals, that was great help for the people here. One family came along with us and we have to borrow one whale boat, that which had been there long time.

We had good weather all way home, only thing is plenty ice. One place at Brownlow the ice was right up on the beach. We went through the opening. The wind blow the ice over from North east wind. We prayed that so we can have road to go through and at night while we are sleep, the wind swing round to the west wind and open the ice. We were very glad and we don't want to be caught there because it is late to travel. We have to go, that was Sunday

too. After we passed the sand spit, the wind stop blowing and very calm.

When there are plenty of ice, the ice makes quick. No matter how the ~~Indians~~ want to travel in ice, he can not go. The ice break the board of the boat; just few hours time.

We were very glad to get home again.

When we got home, we have to go to the neighbor that where the woman had been sick and we have services there on Sunday and Wednesday. I think you received my first letters, that which I wrote them at Beechey Point.

Sincerely yours

Andrew Okootook

via airmail 5/6/46 ~~Pass~~ Barter Island Alaska  
Dec 10, 1945

Rev J. Earl Jackman  
15-8 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, 10, N.Y.

MAY 14 1946

Jackman

Dear Rev Jackman: I was very glad to receive another letter from you. It came to me Nov 30 this fall. Also you sent the with holding tax form and I am sending to Bureau of Internal Revenue of the United States government.

And about my reports and you told <sup>me</sup> that you don't get some of them. I made every month reports and sent them out; probably some of them got lost. I am far east of Barrow and no mails run between Barrow and here. The only I sent my reports by people ones who travel down that way. My mails come very slow too. I sent two letters to you and reports this fall by boat while I was down at Beechey Point. The Beechey Point is about 140 miles from here. I went down to visit all those people and after two weeks I came back. I sent my reports with some kind of form of which I had been work and quite few people had been converted of their sins. I like my preach in that way. I had been visiting the people all I could, but this fall I did not travel because I don't feel well sometimes in my bowels. If the Lord's will I want try to go down to Barrow to see Doctor <sup>in the spring</sup> and as I travel, I could visits the people. We had a very very cold weather this fall. That the first time, I see cold weather like it. It is very nice to travel in summer with the boat.

I bought 30 gallons of gasoline at Belcher Point so I can have it coming lower. It is very hard to get gasoline up this way.

The sunday school lessons came to me this fall and we are using them now and I am thinking to send ~~for~~ some lessons cards for small children. We don't have them here.

I am sure they will enjoy them.

I am always very glad to hear your advice me in my work for Christ.

In this month, we have very short day light, it about 4<sup>05</sup> hours we could see for. Not very bright either. The sun did not rise in over 60 days I sending my reports and every services activities and I don't know much about how to put them down and if there is any mistake, I hope you correct them and show me how to use new forms of reports.

There is no one up here, one who could show me how to write them.

I am try hard to win the people to Christ and of course they are. some people are willing to serve their Saviour in faithful way.

In those two years the people have hard time have nothing to eat and some of them went across in Canada side to satisfy their stomachs and we know that not the only to live. We must be hungry for Christ's words.

I use to tell the people about what Jesus said in John 6:27. Labour not for the meat which perish, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life which the Son of man shall give unto you; for him hath God the Father sealed. That good lesson for us up here.

We are coming for Christmas again and we are preparing for it to have some programs. Some of those people here never saw it before. We will use of what we learn from mission at Barrow. Will I must close my letter now.

Sincerely yours

Andrew Akootook.

Barter Island Alaska  
Jan 28, 1946.

Rev J. Earl Jackman  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York 10, N. Y.

MAY 14 1946

Dear Rev Jackman:-

I am writing a letter again to you and I am sending the reports with this letter. Probably I made a mistake on my report made and if I do make a mistake, please correct them and send me the sample of how to write them down.

There is no one here to show me how to do it. We had Christmas here at our place and some people came to have Christmas with us and we had service on 25th Dec and we read the Bible verses at 10 o'clock every night and I was very glad that some of the people had been converted of their sins and I could see the tears were coming out of their eyes and I preach of Jesus Christ that he came into the world to save the sinners and after the service was over, I could see the faces are happy.

I like to preach the Word of Jesus Christ and win the people for Christ.

But this winter I did not travel to visit the people but now I am feel little better and I hope now to travel little. Last saturday, my wife and I went down to see woman one who had been lay down for four months and I read the Bible verses for her and pray for her.

In your letter, you ask me about my visit to the people. Sometimes I am visiting the people and when I am able to do

In last fall in Aug and Sept I went down to Beechey Point and visiting the people and when I send my reports and I wrote about my travel and I send them out with my reports and I wonder if you receive them or not. ~~they may~~  
I <sup>hope</sup> some of my reports did not get there, ~~they may~~  
get lost. I sent all my reports out. ~~they may~~  
That only I do, and ~~break~~ I want write them and send them out to you.  
I will let you know about what I want to do this spring sometimes in April, if the Lord's will, I want to go down to Barrow to see doctor to be examine, if something don't stop me from going. I am not very well sometimes on my bowels. I will see later.  
On Christmas time I read about the children play to the people and they are willing to give but have no money and they bought one white foxskin from a man and they gave <sup>it</sup> to the childrens day and there is one dollar and 25 cents from other two men and I will send them out to you and I hope it will reach you safely.  
I am very glad to you when you instructed me what to do and I am very glad of your prayers for me even though I am the least of all the pastors. We are using Sunday school material that which you sent them to me. There are very good lessons.

Cordially yours  
Andrew Akooteckook

Quarter I stand Alaska  
April 22, 1946  
MAY 29 1946

Dear Rev. F. Earl Ackman:

I am sending my reports to you as you told me to send to you at head quarters. I did not receive any letter this winter and also I am sending my mails out long time now and I don't think they reach to you yet because no body travel down to Barrow way this winter. I did not travel to the people to visit them this winter, sometimes I am not very well and now I am planning to go down to Barrow to be examined by Doctor at Barrow. But now we had bad cold put near like last spring. An old widow woman died that which she stayed with us for five years if we start to go down, I want to go in first of May. Its little way to go down over 300 miles down with the dog teams. I am always very glad when you write to me and give me good advice about my preaching to the people. I am <sup>kind for</sup> as far as my self when I am visiting the people in winter. But of course I am visiting them in the summer by boat it nice to travel in summer than in winter up here. We were close to the mountains here and the wind blow hard sometimes not always. I tell you this how the condition

of the weather and I don't mean for  
expense to visiting the people.  
I like to travel, but sometimes I can not  
go long while. I am always thankful  
for your kind letters to me.

Cordially yours  
Andrew Akootchook.

The Story of My Journey from Barter Island to Barrow, Alaska

May 8, 1946

It is a very warm day and the rivers break out from the mountains. My family are ready to go along with us as far to Anderson Point twenty miles down. We were very slow because we have heavy load. We camp at the Sand spit and the boys cooked the dog feed out door by big fire. My family are going to stay there for this spring to hunt animals.

The next day, Perry, Vincent, Herman, and my wife and I started with two dog teams. We were traveled forty miles and arrived to Brownlow Point at midnight. On the way going we had a lunch in cooking caribon meat and have some teas. It take quite a while to cook meat and we stop over one hour time. We should have good primus stove or colman. The next day we did not go because the boys need dog feed and they went out hunting seals and they caught only one seal; that great help for us because we are going to travel 300 miles. We don't have all we need in food, but still we have meat to help us along until we get down to Beechey Point where the store is.

The next day, we start again and we use sails to help us along, so the dogs don't have to pull so much. We camp at Pole Island way out from the mainland. It was Saturday we intend to stay there for Sunday. The boys cooked the dog feed out door by big fire. On Sunday we have two services, in the mornin' and evening. The next day we had strong wind, Northeast wind, and after we had breakfast we start and we used sails and the wind is getting stronger, and the dogs have to run to keep up with the sails. Of course the dogs were tired out. They are not like the engine, they got to have rest once in while. We had lunch and the boys cooked some meat and tea. We arrived to Beechey Point after we traveled about 50 miles. The boys bought some flour and corn meal and some what they need on their travel. The boys fix their sails and mast and we don't have any rope and they use wire for mast stay. We had two services there. The next day in the afternoon we go to other people, about five miles away, and we had a service and after we had service, we went to other two families and we camp there and the people are welcome us very good and feed us. That the way the Eskimo people do to each other. We have two services there again. We did not go the next day because our dogs were tired. The two boys went out sealing and they kill one seal and that was very good to have dog feed.

We are going to go across the Harrison Bay fifty miles without seen the land. We start the next day and we camp on the ice and we put our sails under our dverskin matress to protect us from get wet. The boys cooked the dog feed by primus stove and colman, it takes quite a while to cook that way. They put two primus stove under the dog basket. We need good stove to travel along with on the ice and it was very hard to get them up where we are. We got to have waterproof tent in traveling on the ice, but there is nothing to buy from. Even though we are satifying of what we have with us, we Eskimo people stand any weather but we have very strong wind in winter. Sometimes the people get lost and frozen to death. When we travel we take strong tent and stove in winter. We start the next day and it is snowing and kind soft snow. We were slow going.

We saw a seal on top the ice and we stop and Isaac, my son, went for seal and use white snow shirt and he crawling up to the seal, of course the seal watch for himself from any animals and he put up his head just in few minutes time to see if anyone coming to him. And when he put up his head Isaac lay flat on the ice to keep from seen by seal and keep doing that long time until he get close enough to shoot and he kill the seal and he cut the seal up and I took the rope and hammer and I put into the seal hole to see how deep it is and found out that six fathoms and I know exactly how far we were out, because I had been traveling quite many times across the Harrison Bay in summer and winter. We are going by the snow drift and we know exactly which way to go. We put the camp on the ice again. We saw the Skimo Island from the high cake of ice and we know now we are going to get to land the next day. We will try to get to the people this evening to have Sunday there. We start and we use sailz and we are going fast because the wind is getting stronger and sometimes our dogs did not pull. My wife and I were very tired by sitting on the sled jumping and down on rough snow. We had lunch when we came to the land and after we had lunch, we arrived to the people. We were traveled about fifty miles today.

There were two families and they welcome us very good and gave us three seals for our dogs. That show to be good Christians to help in missionary work. We keep Sunday there and we have two services in the morning and evening. The people are listening to the words of God very closely. The next day we start again and the other two boys went along with us to go down to Barrow. I take a ride with Chester Aklinik and we arrived to one family at Cape Simon and I read the Bible verses this evening.

The next day I read the Bible verses and we start again and we use sail. We camp at the lagoon and we are not far from Barrow. We arrived to Barrow this afternoon just in time for to go to prayer meeting. We went to church. I met Rev. Samuel Lee and his family at the church and they invite us the next day. They are very nice people. One Sunday evening Mr. Lee invite me to preach to the people and I preach to them.

Andrew Akootchook,  
Barrow, Alaska

Barter Island, Alaska

I received the Alaska News letter of which Rev. J. Karl Jackman sent up to me this Spring in asking to write to supporting groups and how, I am writing about I am been doing among these people, east of Barrow.

I am carrying the work of Christ, to preach the gospel to those people scattered around here. I have to travel to them and stop every place I mets, and preach to the people. Every people are willing to listen to the work of Jesus Christ and some has been convincted of their sins and then converted of their sins and accept Jesus Christ as their own Saviour.

In winter I traveled with the dog teams and I carry the tent and primers stove and food. We are living in very cold place and I have to wear heavy deerskin parkie and pants. I have to stop in one place for sometimes because of big wind. When its strt blow hard, can not see just few feet away. Sometimes we get lost in travel. We have to take a compass to show us which way to go. Lots of time I am short of food and dog feed. And also sometimes I find some family did not have food and I have to give them food out of my food and they were very thankful. You see how the dogs and engine are very diff'rent. We have to cook the dog food every night to make them lively for next morning. In long run, the dogs worn out of harding pulling in deep snow and drifted snow. I am always very happy to see the bright faces of people when they are welcome me to their houses. In June, traveling very hard after the snow melt and there are plenty of water on the ice and the dogs walk on the water and their feet are cut up by sharp ice and I have to use the boots for them. Sometimes my clothes are get wet and I have to have strong cover, but I did not have that kind up here. My wife made the deerskins sewed together and made cover for sled, that was very good. One time my son Perry were traveling in big snowing and very cloudy, and we got lost in the night and then we found out that we turned back to where our trail were and found out by those and we arrived to the fa ily ~~su~~ after they went to sleep and oh, how I was tired sitting on the sled and those family welcome us good and I had good sleep in that night and start again in next morning after we have prayer meeting.

In summer I traveled with my launch. Little easier than travel in winter, only things is thick fog and big swell sometimes. Lots of time I did not have enough gasoline and I have to use the sais for in this summer. I have no gasoline of my own and I have to borrowed two cases gasoline from my friend Samuel and came down to Beechey Point, one hundred twenty miles from Barter Island. We had fog and big wind all way down. In one place in one night in fog, we went outside the ice, there is no way to go inside. That was very gangerous travel and finally we found very narrow lead to go through, just about ten feet wide and we went in that way and touch both side and no way to go again and went in to far aand to the sand spit and our boat went right up on the sand and our wheel broke down and two of my boys were work on it all night and after they finished we tried to pull out and can't get out of low tide. We unload our boat but we cannot get off. We stay there all night and in next mroning we pulled and start again, but our small boat was sunk again the rope was off from our launch while we travel among ice. In that boat our meat was and we don't know where it sunk. We were kind disappointed to lost the meat. We tried to hook the boat and we hook it up that was very good and we arrived to the people and have prayer meeting in our launch tonight. Our engines work only three cylinders. One cylinder got hole in it and have to fill it up with gummy sack and one of spring of magneto broke and Perry fix it up with piece of tank of iron and work aright. When we arrived to Beechey Point, the people are all well and we have two services on Sunday. All young people were singing fine and my planning was stay here this week.

That all now I said.

Cordially yours,

Barrow Alaska  
June 6, 1946.

This is the story of our travel from our place at Barter Island. We start 8 of May from Barter Island in the afternoon. It is a very warm day and the rivers from the mountains are run out to the ocean. All my family accompany us with four dog teams except to Anderson Point is about 20 miles west of our place. We were slow, because of deep snow. We got there at mid night and put the tent and light the colman stove to make hot tea.

It is cold and fog tonight. The boys cooked the dogs feed by big fire, just few hours times. The dogs have to have good feed when traveling for long distance. On the next day, we are going pretty fast and we put up the sails to help the dogs along. There are five teams are start now. 3 of them go far to Buckley Point store to buy some food. When we travel and arrived to Long Island, we had a lunch and cook some caribou meat and drank some tea and after lunch we start again and we arrived to Browerville Point in the night. We traveled 20 miles today that long run for dogs in heavy load. My son I and his wife are waiting for us there. My wife and I were very tired sitting on the sled.

On the next day 10 of May. The south west wind is blowing light we did not go today because the dogs want the dog food and they bent out sailing and they caught sled.

My last a prayer meeting this evening and they were eleven people. I finished from 8 to 10 o'clock. On the next day, we start on saturday. It is a very warm day. We put the camp at Pole Island and the boys cooked the dog feed out doors. I was very tired and my bones are not very well. We did not go today and we have two services this morning and this evening.

My sermon was a cor... after. There were 13 people May 13, the north wind is blowing. We start this morning and we use sails on the sled, that great help for dogs. When the wind is getting stronger, the sail push the sled along fast and the dogs have to run to keep up with the sled. One of the sled broken up because the wind is to strong for it.

while the boys fit the sled up. we had a lunch of caribon meat and tea. We arrived to Beechey Point this evening. We travel about forty miles. Abram Stine run the store there and he welcome us good. The boys cooked the dog feed because the dogs were full. We read the Bibles verses tonight. I was very tired and my vowels are not well.

May 14. just before we start we have a service and my sermon Matt 7 chapter 7-14. There were 15 people there. We start this afternoon and there are other people about 5 miles from Beechey Point. After we ate there, we had another service and I read in Rom 12 chapter 13. To forty four people attend the service and start again to other people is about 3 miles out to the sand spit and we camp there, so we can rest our dogs. The dogs have to have a rest for long again. The boys cooked the dog feed. On the next day May 15, we did not go because our dogs were very tired too, the next travel, we have to cross the Harrison Bay 3 miles across, no land. We had a prayer meeting this noon and my sermon Matt 7:15-19. There are 21 people and we had another service this evening. and our sermon was Matt 17:1-13 verses. There were 20 people this evening. My son Izaac and Ronald caught one seal today.

On the next day we start again with three dog teams. We are travels 7 hours and put the camp on the ice. we have only two skins for our mattress and deer skin on top to keep us from get wet. We use Coleman stove to cook with. The boys cooked the dog feed. It is to cold to sleep on the ice, but we 3 skins people get use to it. It don't bother us any. I used to sleep in the snowhouse lot of time. We are staying on where the polar bears country and I put my rifle ready in case may the polar bear come along. May 17. It is a cloudy and snowing. It is kind hard going and very warm day. We saw three seals are lying on the ice and my son Izaac are shooting to the seal and he killed. We were very thankful to have dog feed again. After long run, we put the camp on the ice again, because no land. We have to travel by snow drifted because we have no compass. I could tell by drifted snow because I had been travel across the Harrison Bay quite many

June 6, 1946

time in winter and summer.

I am sounding with the hammer through the seal hole and it was six fathoms and then I know exactly how far we were out. I use to travel with my boat three fathoms across.

May 18. It was a clear but blowing from north wind after we ate breakfast, we start again and we put up the seals. We were traveling fast and sometimes our dogs did not pull when the wind is getting stronger. We are traveling eleven hours, because we wanted to get to the people tonight so we can leave Sunday there. And there are two families. They welcome us very good and gave us some seal meat for our dogs. My wife and I were very tired in trough places.

Saturday May 19. We had a morning and my sermon was Col 3 chapter. The people are listening to the word of God because they never listen the word of God for long time. They are using the translation when they have prayer meeting. There are 20 people. Our sermon tonight was of Matt 7:11-24. We are reading the Bible verses tonight. On the Monday May 20. We start again and we arrived to one family at Cape Simpson and I read Bible verses to them. We put the camp there.

Isaac killed one seal right close to the beach. The boys cooked the dog feed. When the dogs have good feed at night they are always ready to pull in next day. When they don't eat they can't pull hard, just like the engine without oil can not run.

May 21. The north wind is blowing hard, that for us again to have rains. We were traveling fast and we put the camp at Katchiksook and we know that we will get to the village at Barrow on the next day. My wife cook doughnuts for supper tonight.

On the next day. May 22. We start again and we are using the seals again and we arrived to Barrow just before prayer meeting and we attended church its evening. We were very glad to see each other again. I was very to see Mr. Samuel Lee and his wife and son, David. They invite us to their home on the next day.

Barrow Alaska.

June 7, 1946.

Dear Rev. J. Earl Jackman: JUN 25 1946

I am sending my report of May and the story of Paul traveled down here from Barter Island. We were coming down in fifteen days. We stop to every villages we meet and I preach to them and I like my preach to the people. We camp down here to be examined by doctor, but doctor is not here yet. Yesterday he wired up that he will be up at any day. My boys start back already and they will have plenty water and food now on the way home. As soon the water comes, they will come down after us.

I had been told the native store boats will go up to supply the food to the Barter Island store this summer, but the freighter come here late in

the fall.  
I am closing my letter now  
Sincerely yours  
Andrew AkootcooK.

Barrow Alaska  
Aug 30, 1946.

Rev J. Earl Jackman  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, 10, N.Y.

Dear Rev Jackman: I was very glad to  
your letter again, that was written in Aug 2.  
And I am writing again to you.  
We are still at Barrow waiting for doctor  
and the ship. My family came with our  
launch. The Native store boats towed them  
down, because our old engine was broke  
down. The new engine are coming on  
the North Star and as soon the ship get  
here, we will put the engine.  
My wife and I have hard time to lost  
our youngest son, 10 year old. He was got  
killed by other boy by accident with  
the rifle. Our little boy was staying  
with his brothers up east, while we are  
down here. We were crying for him, but  
we can not take him back, and we know  
we will go to him in some day.  
We were thinking for our friends are  
comforting us to be happy.  
We ~~are~~ very anxious to go back now  
and still I want to see doctor comes  
Maybe he is coming on the ship.  
Even though I am down here I preach  
to the people in church sometimes, when  
Rev Samuel Lee wants me to preach.  
There are some men opposing the sabbath  
and they are working on Sunday at the  
Navy and we have session meeting at the

mainse about it. Two of the elders are working at the camp. There are some <sup>young</sup> people are getting careless about church work.

We need prayers to help us to be faithful for our church at Barrow.

We have a very minister M. Lee. He is preaching very good in church.

He is also teaching choirs to sing in the church.

I am very glad that you got those two furskins that we sent to you.

I am still trying hard to lead the people to Christ. There are few death lately here at Barrow.

I am very glad when you give good advice and I like my work for Christ. Pray much for me and my family.

Sincerely yours

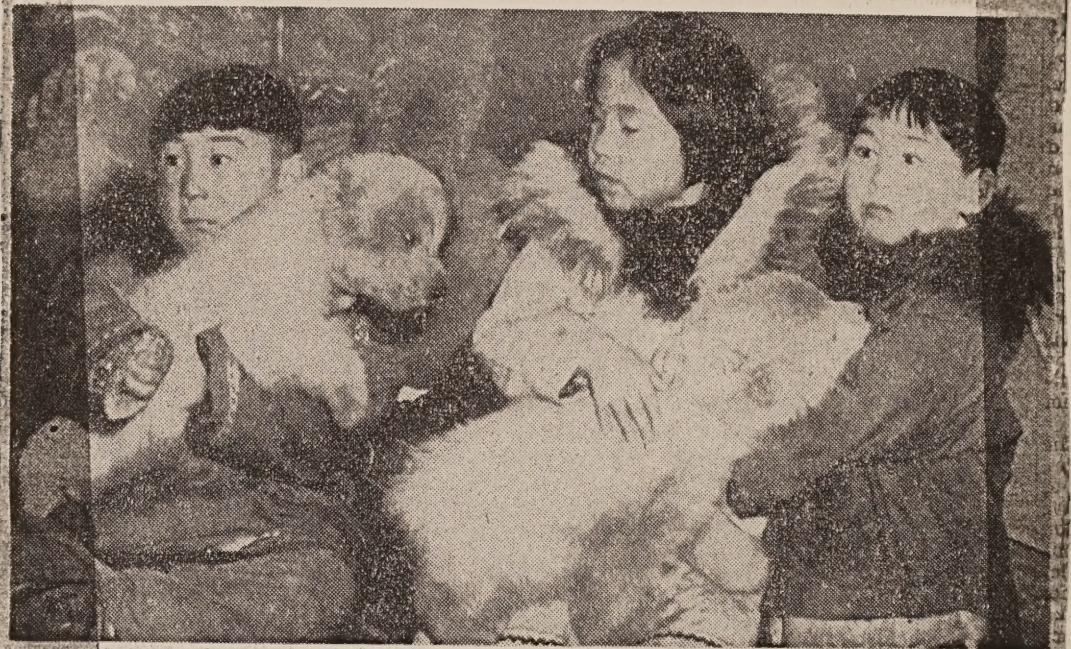
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NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUN

No Need for Teddy Bears for These Children in Alaska



Associated Press wirephoto

These polar bear cubs will be flown soon to Detroit zoo from their home on Barter Island. Children of Benny Akootchook, who owns the bears, aren't happy about losing their live toys

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Are these the Andrew akootchook's  
(Barter Id lay-roo-ke) grandchildren?  
I thought you, Benny, was killed in  
accident in 1946?

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ANDREW AKOOTCHOOK

A Tribute by Rusty Heurlin

(Andrew Akootchook was a native Eskimo of Barrow. He was trained by Dr. Henry Greist and ordained an Elder in the Barrow Church. He was appointed by the Board of National Missions as a part-time itinerant lay worker to the Eskimos along the Arctic Coast east of Barrow to Demarcation Point at the Canadian border. He made his headquarters at Barter Island where about 50 or 60 Eskimos resided. He had been licensed by the Presbytery and there was a proposal that he be ordained but this was never done. He was killed in a hunting accident on January 26, 1951.)

"Andrew Akootchook is gone ... Big Andrew, the Eskimo lay-missionary of windy Barter Island. Warm tears have fallen in the silent igloos. The entire Arctic Slope mourns his sudden and tragic departure. He was a good man -- honest, thoughtful and sincere, humble and sacrificing.

"Andrew's strong, sun-darkened features, patterned against the Arctic white, showed the strength of generations before him -- the hardiest of all primitives. Stolid in appearance yet gentle within, he lived by the Golden Rule. 'Our people were always good people,' he said, 'but we are thankful for the great wisdom and goodness of others.' Then out came the worn Bible he cherished -- tucked snugly beneath his left arm.

"He leaned slightly forward when standing. Nature had caused this from facing a lifetime of stiff Arctic winds. During the span of his sixty odd years he had crawled out of his semi-primitive darkness to see the light of a new era for his people. He learned to read and write the English Language; how to build boats, better sleds and homes with high doorways. He tutored his children; taught them to honor and obey the Ten Commandments. Seriously he delved into his religion to hold Bible classes for the islanders every night. He leaned ever forward -- toward his great desire -- that of being ordained. It was to have taken place on Easter.

"Andrew had seen much happiness in his life, then came the evil day ... and troublesome happenings beset him with deep worry over the future existence of his people. 'It was the only trouble we have ever had in our long living at Barter Island,' said he while here but a few days ago. Strict game laws had been imposed upon him and his people. 'Our aboriginal rights have been taken away from us,' he sighed. 'But maybe some day the warden will see things our way, for hunger knows no law in the Arctic.'

"Andrew faced all issues confronting his people. His clear thinking and fair judgment was law east of Barrow. Strongly fortified in his beliefs he lived as he preached, never seeking to escape any duty or sacrifice before him. With keen vision he saw the many needs of the Eskimos -- schools, good teachers and better, all-around facilities of living. 'We do not want to be looked down on. We want to be respected. We are honest people that want to go ahead. Our children must know more than we know when they get to be our age. That is progress.'

"From Barter to Barrow, from Wainwright to Point Hope -- all knew Andrew Akootchook. As the winds moan over the white immensity of his domain, his broken trail will not be obliterated. It is there for someone else to follow -- clearly blazed with a cross."

